

Introduction to Linguistics

Lecture course for 1st year students

Instructor: Dr. Anna Fenyvesi

Time: Friday 12:00 - 1:30

Place: Aud Max

Course description:

The course offers a general introduction to all major areas of theoretical and applied linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, first and second language acquisition, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, and psycholinguistics. The purpose of the course is to provide the student with a basic knowledge of the fundamental principles and notions of linguistics, as well as to introduce the most important methods of linguistic analysis.

The course concludes with a 90-minute written exam. Cheating in the exam will automatically result in a failing grade for the course.

Reading:

Fromkin, Victoria, and Robert Rodman. 1983. *An introduction to language*. New York: Holt, Reinhart and Winston.

(Selected chapters for reading -- only those corresponding to the topics listed below in the schedule -- are available for lending at the university library and for buying at the Vitéz utca xerox center [next door to Mata Hari].)

Requirements:

- Written exam (100%)

Grading:

- 89 - 100%: excellent (5)
- 76 - 88%: good (4)
- 63 - 75%: average (3)
- 51 - 62%: pass (2)
- 0 - 50%: fail (1)

Schedule:

Week 1: What is language? What is linguistics?

Week 2: Phonetics.

Week 3: Phonology 1.

Week 4: Phonology 2.

Week 5: Morphology 1.

Week 6: Morphology 2.

Week 7: Syntax 1.

Week 8: Syntax 2.

Week 9: Semantics.

Week 10: Language acquisition.

Week 11: Sociolinguistics.

Week 12: Historical linguistics.

Week 13: Psycholinguistics

Week 14: *leftovers*