

Seminar: Introduction to Linguistics (17312)

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Syllabus

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Seminars</i>	<i>Preparation</i>
1	week of 05/11	Introduction	The academic study of language	Organisation/administration/introduction	follow-up reading: Bieswanger & Becker 2001: 1-10
2	week of 12/11	Speech and writing	Spoken and written language, types of writing systems, history of English orthography	Speech organs and speech-sound production, sounds vs. letters, reading the IPA	Please read Bieswanger & Becker 2010: 39-50 and watch the video(s) on "Speech and writing". If you want to read more, read Rogers 2005; Plag et al 2009: 1-16.
3	week of 19/11	Phonetics	Accents, dialects, varieties and standards	Describing speech sounds	Please read Bieswanger & Becker 2010: 50-58 and watch the video(s) on "Phonetics". If you want to read more, read Plag et al. 2009: 29-54.
4	week of 26/11	Segmental phonology	The linguistic sign: sense and reference, arbitrariness	Phoneme status, allophone distribution, syllable structure, neutralization	Please read Bieswanger & Becker 2010: 58-73 and watch the video(s) on "Segmental phonology". If you want to read more, read Plag et al. 2009: 29-65.
5	week of 3/12	From phonology to morphology	Double articulation, morphological typology, periphrasis, limits of the building-block model	Syllables vs. morphemes, morpheme status, allomorph distribution, suppletion	Please read Bieswanger & Becker 2010: 75-95 and watch the video(s) on "From phonology to morphology". If you want to read more, read Plag et al. 2009: 70-88.
6	week of 10/12	Morphology	The vocabulary of English	Derivation vs. inflection, roots, stems and affixes, conversion, resyllabification	Please read Bieswanger & Becker 2010: 75-95 and watch the video(s) on "Morphology".
7	week of 17/12	Syntax I: Words and phrases	Words, phrases, constituents, constructions	Constituency and how to visualize it, phrase types, word classes	Please read Stefanowitsch & Middeke 2019 and watch the video(s) on "Syntax I".
Christmas break					
8	week of 07/01	Syntax II: Grammatical relations and semantic roles	Head and modifier structure, valency, semantic roles	Grammatical relations, basic clause types, semantic roles, constructions	Please read Stefanowitsch & Middeke 2019 and watch the video(s) on "Syntax II" and "Constructions".
9	week of 14/01	Semantics I: Sentences	Propositions and truth conditions, entailment, information structure, semantic (non-)compositionality	Presupposition and entailment, topic and focus	Please read Bieswanger & Becker 2010: 141-150 and watch the video(s) on "Semantics I".

10	week of 21/01	Semantics II: Lexical semantics	Word meaning	Polysemy and lexical relations	Please read Bieswanger & Becker 2010: 127-141 and watch the video(s) on "Semantics II".
11	week of 28/01	Pragmatics	Speaker meaning and sentence meaning, language as action, the cooperative principle	Clause types vs. speech act types, Gricean maxims	Please read Bieswanger & Becker 2010: 151-170 and watch the video(s) on "Pragmatics".
12	week of 04/02	Text linguistics	Coherence and cohesion, text units	Text types	Please read Stefanowitsch 2020 and watch the video(s) on "Text linguistics".
13	week of 11/02	Special Topics: What we find interesting and/or what we work on	Applied Linguistics with a special focus on translation	tba	tba
14	week of 18/02	Outlook: Empirical methods	A look ahead: AM Levels of Linguistic Analysis	tba	tba
15	week of 25/02	Exam			