

ENGL 2651 - Introduction to Language

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 02, CRN 40457,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Course Description

2651. Introduction to Language. Introduction to language principally for prospective teachers, with emphasis on the nature and function of language and its history, variations, and acquisition. Student must qualify to take ENGL 1549 or ENGL 1550. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Understanding language structure, interaction, and variation, 3e	Attardo, Brown & Vigliotti	978-0-472-03541-0

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	ULSIV, pp. 1-17	Module 1: Intro to the field	
8/31	ULSIV, pp. 18-34	Module 2: Phonetics & Phonology	Modules 1 & 2 due Sunday 9/6, 11:59p
9/7	ULSIV, pp. 35-47	Module 3: Morphology	Module 3 due Sunday 9/13, 11:59p
9/14	ULSIV, pp. 287-311	Module 4: Grammar	Module 4 due Sunday 9/20, 11:59p
9/21	ULSIV, pp. 47-71	Module 5: Syntax	Module 5 due Sunday 9/27, 11:59p
9/28	ULSIV, pp. 72-105	Module 6: Semantics & Pragmatics	Module 6 due Sunday 10/4, 11:59p
10/5	ULSIV, pp. 106-126	Module 7: Language Variation EXAM 1 OPENS	Module 7 due Sunday 10/11, 11:59p
10/12	ULSIV, pp. 127-147	Module 8: Language & Social Groups EXAM 1	Module 8 due Sunday 10/18, 11:59p EXAM 1 DUE Sunday 10/18, 11:59p
10/19	ULSIV, pp. 147-168	Module 9: Multilingualism	Module 9 due Sunday 10/25, 11:59p
10/26	ULSIV, pp. 169-188	Module 10: African-American English	Module 10 due Sunday 11/1, 11:59p
11/2	ULSIV, pp. 189-207	Module 11: Language & Gender	Module 11 due Sunday 11/8, 11:59p
11/9	ULSIV, pp. 208-240	Module 12: 1st Language Acquisition	Module 12 due Sunday 11/15, 11:59p
11/16	ULSIV, pp. 241-259	Module 13: 2nd Language Acquisition	Module 13 due Sunday 11/22, 11:59p
11/23	ULSIV, pp. 260-286	Module 14: Historical Linguistics	Module 14 due Sunday 11/29, 11:59p
11/30	No new reading	EXAM 2	EXAM 2 DUE Sunday 12/6, 11:59p

12/7	No new reading	Finals Week	Make-up modules (up to 2) due Tuesday 12/8 at 11:59p
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