

ENGL 3755 - Principles of Linguistic Study

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Course Description

3755. Principles of Linguistic Study. Survey of elements of linguistic structure, methods of analysis and description, theoretical models, and the role of language in human affairs. Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Understanding Language Structure, Interaction, & Variation, 3e	Brown, Attardo, & Vigliotti	9780472035410

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

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Tue	8/25	Understanding Language Structure, Interaction, & Variation, 3rd ed., pp. 1-17	Introduction to the field	N/A
Thu	8/27	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 1-17	Introduction to the field	Weekly Assessment 1
Tue	9/1	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 18-34	Phonetics/Phonology	N/A
Thu	9/3	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 18-34	Phonetics/Phonology	Weekly Assessment 2
Tue	9/8	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 35-47	Morphology	N/A
Thu	9/10	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 35-47	Morphology	Weekly Assessment 3
Tue	9/15	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 287-311	Grammar & Syntax	N/A
Thu	9/17	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 287-311	Grammar & Syntax	Weekly Assessment 4
Tue	9/22	No New Reading	Catch up on theoretical linguistics	N/A
Thu	9/24	No New Reading	Catch up on theoretical linguistics	Weekly Assessment 5
Tue	9/29	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 47-71	Communicating Meaning	N/A
Thu	10/1	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 47-71	Communicating Meaning	Weekly Assessment 6
Tue	10/6	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 72-105	Language Variation	N/A
Thu	10/8	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 72-105	Language Variation	Early Bird
Tue	10/13	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 106-126	Language & Social Groups	N/A
Thu	10/15	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 106-126	Language & Social Groups	Midterm
Tue	10/20	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 127-147	Multilingualism	N/A
Thu	10/22	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 127-147	Multilingualism	Weekly Assessment 7



Tue	10/27	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 147-167	AAE & Other U.S. Dialects of English	N/A
Thu	10/29	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 147-167	AAE & Other U.S. Dialects of English	Weekly Assessment 8
Tue	11/3	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 169-188	Language & Gender	N/A
Thu	11/5	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 169-188	Language & Gender	Weekly Assessment 9
Tue	11/10	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 189-207	L1 Acquisition	N/A
Thu	11/12	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 189-207	L1 Acquisition	Weekly Assessment 10
Tue	11/17	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 208-240	L2 Acquisition	N/A
Thu	11/19	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 208-240	L2 Acquisition	Weekly Assessment 11
Tue	11/24	No New Reading	No New Topics	No New Assignments
Thu	11/26	No New Reading	No New Topics	No New Assignments
Tue	12/1	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 241-259	Historical Linguistics	N/A
Thu	12/3	ULSIV, 3rd ed., pp. 241-259	Historical Linguistics	Weekly Assessment 12
Tue	12/8	No New Reading	No New Topics	Final Exam Review
Thu	12/10	No New Reading	No New Topics	Final Exam Linguists Project Youngstown Dialect Survey

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