SYLLABUS

ENGL 240: Introduction to Linguistics Fall 2020

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(Note: I am not on campus)

Office hours: Mon/Tue/Thu, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

and by appointment (Zoom)

Class meets: Tue/Thu, 12:30-1:45 p.m. Online, via Zoom meetings

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a general introduction to the study of language. It includes an overview of basic concepts and methods of language study and introduces some of the core areas of linguistics research: phonetics and phonology (the sound system), morphology (the structure of words), syntax (the structure of phrases and sentences), semantics (how words relate to meaning), and language acquisition.

By learning how language works, students will better understand the interrelatedness of language, its innateness, and its social setting. Students will also gain a better understanding of the form and function of language and will develop an adequate perspective on commonly held prejudices and misconceptions about language.

GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES:

For Fall 2020, this course satisfies the requirements of the Humanities and Historical Perspectives areas in the General Education Program at UWSP. The learning outcomes are listed below.

Humanities:

Upon completing this requirement you will be able to:

- read closely, think critically, and write effectively about texts or cultural artifacts that
 reflect on perennial questions concerning the human condition (such as the search for
 truth and meaning, the confrontation with suffering and mortality, or the struggle for
 justice, equality, and human dignity).
- investigate and thoughtfully respond to a variety of ideas, beliefs or values held by persons in situations other than one's own.

Historical perspectives:

Upon completing this requirement you will be able to:

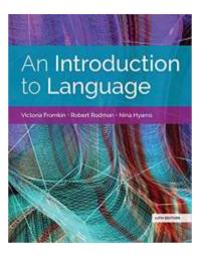
use primary sources as evidence to answer questions about historical change.

- describe differences among interpretations of the past.
- analyze institutional and cultural changes in one or more human societies over time.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS:

Rental:

Fromkin, Victoria, Robert Rodman, and Nina Hyams. An Introduction to Language (11th edn.). Boston: Cengage, 2017.



ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENT:

Exams:

There will be three exams given in this class (the third will be during UWSP Finals Week). They will be open-book/note and given through Canvas.

Homework:

There will be four homework assignments that will cover different topics we discuss.

Reading assignments:

You will be assigned readings that are to be completed before class.

Attendance and participation:

Much of your learning will take place in our Zoom sessions, so you should attend on a regular basis. What, exactly, does this mean in the age of COVID-19? For this class, "attendance" means being on the Zoom chat **when it is possible for you to do so**.

As we know, these are unprecedented times. We're trying to hold a "normal" class while a pandemic has changed our lives in many ways. I will take attendance during our first meeting, as required by the university. After that, I would like you to attend all Zoom meetings; however, if you cannot attend, the meetings will be recorded and uploaded to our Canvas site.

We will hold discussions during class; these may include brief assignments completed in breakout groups. If you miss the synchronous class session, you will have opportunities to access the small group activities, but you will miss out on the coworking aspect of the activities.

Grading:

| Exam 1 | 20% |
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| Exam 2 | 20% |
| Exam 3 | 20% |
| Homework | 30% |
| Attendance/participation | 10% |
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| TOTAL | 100% |

Grading scale:

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93-100% = A 87-89% = B+ 77-79% = C+ 67-69% = D+ 0-59% = F

90-92% = A- 83-86% = B 73-76% = C 60-66% = D

80-82% = B- 70-72% = C-
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UNIVERSITY POLICIES:

Student academic disciplinary procedures:

UWSP 14.01 Statement of principles

The board of regents, administrators, faculty, academic staff and students of the university of Wisconsin system believe that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education and of the university of Wisconsin system. The university has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others' academic endeavors. Students who violate these standards must be confronted and must accept the consequences of their actions.

UWSP 14.03 Academic misconduct subject to disciplinary action.

- (1) Academic misconduct is an act in which a student:
 - (a) Seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation;
 - (b) Uses unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise;
 - (c) Forges or falsifies academic documents or records;
 - (d) Intentionally impedes or damages the academic work of others;
 - (e) Engages in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student's academic performance; or
 - (f) Assists other students in any of these acts.
- (2) Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to: cheating on an examination; collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course; submitting a paper or assignment as one's own work when a part or all of the paper or assignment is the work of another; submitting a paper or assignment

that contains ideas or research of others without appropriately identifying the sources of those ideas; stealing examinations or course materials; submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course; tampering with the laboratory experiment or computer program of another student; knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

Commitment to integrity:

As a student in this course (and at this university) you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class and also integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom.

FERPA:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides students with a right to protect, review, and correct their student records. Staff of the university with a clear educational need to know may also have to access to certain student records. Exceptions to the law include parental notification in cases of alcohol or drug use, and in case of a health or safety concern. FERPA also permits a school to disclose personally identifiable information from a student's education records, without consent, to another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

Lecture materials and recordings for ENGL 101 are protected intellectual property at UW-Stevens Point. Students in this course may use the materials and recordings for their personal use related to participation in this class. Students may also take notes solely for their personal use. If a lecture is not already recorded, you are not authorized to record my lectures without my permission unless you are considered by the university to be a qualified student with a disability requiring accommodation.

Regent Policy Document 4-1

Students may not copy or share lecture materials and recordings outside of class, including posting on internet sites or selling to commercial entities. Students are also prohibited from providing or selling their personal notes to anyone else or being paid for taking notes by any person or commercial firm without the instructor's express written permission. Unauthorized use of these copyrighted lecture materials and recordings constitutes copyright infringement and may be addressed under the university's policies, UWS Chapters 14 and 17, governing student academic and non-academic misconduct.

EQUAL ACCESS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

UW-Stevens Point will modify academic program requirements as necessary to ensure that they do not discriminate against qualified applicants or students with disabilities. The modifications should not affect the substance of educational programs or compromise academic standards; nor should they intrude upon academic freedom. Examinations or other procedures used for

evaluating students' academic achievements may be adapted. The results of such evaluation must demonstrate the student's achievement in the academic activity, rather than describe his/her disability.

If modifications are required due to a disability, please inform the instructor and contact the Disability and Assistive Technology Center to complete an Accommodations Request form. Phone: 346-3365 or Room 609 Albertson Hall.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

In the event of a medical emergency call 9-1-1 or use campus phone. Offer assistance if trained and willing to do so. Guide emergency responders to victim.

In the event of a tornado warning, proceed to the lowest level interior room without window exposure. See www.uwsp.edu/emergency/Pages/floor-plans.aspx for floor plans showing severe weather shelters on campus. Avoid wide-span structures (gyms, pools or large classrooms).

In the event of a fire alarm, evacuate the building in a calm manner. Meet 200 yards away from building. Notify instructor or emergency response personnel of any missing individuals.

Active Shooter – RUN. HIDE. FIGHT. If trapped, hide, lock doors, turn off lights, spread out and remain quiet. Call 9-1-1 when it is safe to do so. Follow instructions of emergency responders.

See UW-Stevens Point Emergency Procedures at www.uwsp.edu/emergency/Pages/emergency-procedures for details on all emergency response at UW-Stevens Point.

CLASSROOM PROTOCOL:

We will spend some of our class time in group work, discussions, and workshops. Part of our classes will also include oral reports and lecture. Regardless of the class format, you are expected to be prepared, to listen, to contribute, and to participate in an appropriate fashion.

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT:

It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that the students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength and benefit.

It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally, or for other students or student groups.

At all times you should be respectful toward others; inappropriate and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Our classroom will be a place where all involved feel safe when exchanging ideas. Diverse opinions and concepts are a fact of college life and adult life beyond college. As a class we will work together to understand and appreciate different viewpoints.

If you have experienced a bias incident (an act of conduct, speech, or expression to which a bias motive is evident as a contributing factor regardless of whether the act is criminal) at UWSP, you have the right to report it using this <u>link</u>. You may also contact the Dean of Students office directly at <u>dos@uwsp.edu</u>.

LATE WORK:

If you turn in your work late *without contacting me*, your grade will be lowered *one full letter grade* (e.g., A– becomes B–) per class session it is late. An assignment is late if the Canvas dropbox deadline has passed before you submit it. If you cannot turn in an assignment by the deadline, please notify me *by email* as soon as possible (preferably before the due date) to discuss the possibility of an extension.

PROBLEM SOLVING:

I encourage you to visit me during office hours, to email me, or to make an appointment any time we are both available to discuss issues connected with this class and/or your performance.

Please discuss concerns with me at an early time—while we have options. I tend to be generous with students who consult with me while issues are concerns, rather than crises. Of course, if an emergency situation does arise, please let me know as soon as possible.

DAILY SCHEDULE (Note: subject to change)

| | <u>Date</u> | Material covered | What is due |
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| Week . | 1 | | |
| | R 9/3 | Introduction to class and syllabus | |
| Week . | 2 | | |
| | T/R | Ch. 1: What is language? | |
| | 9/8-10 | Ch. 10: Brain and language | |
| Week . | 3 | | |
| | T/R | Ch. 10 cont. | |
| | 9/15-17 | Ch. 5: Phonetics | Homework 1 due |
| Week | 4 | | |
| | T/R | Ch. 5 cont. | |
| | 9/22-24 | | ***NO CLASS SEPT. 24*** |

| <u>Date</u> | Material covered | What is due |
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| Week 5 T/R 9/29-10/1 | Chapter 6: Phonology | |
| Week 6 T/R 10/6-8 | Ch. 6 cont. Review | Homework 2 due |
| Week 7 T/R 10/13-15 | Chapter 2: Morphology | Exam 1 |
| Week 8 T/R 10/20-22 | Ch. 2 cont. Chapter 3: Syntax | |
| Week 9 T/R 10/27-29 | Ch. 3 cont. | Homework 3 due |
| Week 10 T/R 11/3-5 | Ch. 3 cont. + Review | Election Day. Go vote! |
| Week 11 T/R 11/10-12 | Chapter 4: Semantics/Pragmatics | Exam 2 |
| Week 12 T/R 11/17-19 | Ch. 4 cont. | |
| Week 13 T/R 11/24-26 | Chapter 7: Language in society | ***NO CLASS NOV. 26*** |
| Week 14 T/R 12/1-3 | Ch. 7 cont. Chapter 8: Language change | Homework 4 due |
| Week 15 T/R 12/8-10 | Ch. 8 cont. Review | |
| Finals week T 12/15 | | Exam 3 (2:45-4:45 p.m.) |