

LING 400: Linguistic Method & Theory – Syllabus & Calendar

Required Textbook:

- Mihalicek, V., Wilson C. (eds.) (2011). *Language Files, 11th Edition*. Dept. of Linguistics, The Ohio State University.

Workload:

- Prepare for each class by doing the assigned reading. Be prepared to read and study 15-25 pages per day.
- Lecture slides are posted to Moodle.

Most graded work is done on Moodle. Assignments/Quizzes close at 11:30pm on their due dates, and no late work will be accepted.

- Homework assignments each cover 1-2 subfields and are open on Moodle while we are covering the corresponding material. (They are generally open after class the day before we begin a topic until 11:30pm on the last day we cover that topic.) You may save your work and return later, but you must submit your answers before the assignment closes, and you cannot change your answers after you submit them. There are about 10 assignments (about 2 per week).
- Quizzes use the same type of questions as homework, but they are shorter and timed: 10 minutes for about 5-10 questions. They are generally open from after class the day we finish covering the material until 11:30pm the next day. You must do them in one sitting and submit them before they close. There are about 4 quizzes (about 1 per week).
- The midterm is like a large Moodle quiz (see above) that covers the first half of the course. The time limit is 30 minutes.
- The final exam is cumulative and is done on paper during the last day of class. The questions will be similar to those on Moodle, and you have 90 mins.

Grade breakdown:

Homework: 50%

Quizzes: 15%

Midterm: 10%

Final exam: 25%

Distractions:

- You may use laptops during class for class-related purposes only (to take notes, review handouts or slides, etc.). Unrelated, distracting activities like texting, using Facebook, or shopping during class may result in public embarrassment.
- If you need a snack during class, make sure it is not messy, smelly, or noisy (popcorn, chips, plastic wrappers), so it does not become a distraction to you or others.

Communication & Accommodations:

- Rather than having set office hours, I will be available nearly every day after class to meet as needed, with no notice necessary. You may also make an appointment for another time if you are unavailable after class.
- Feel free to email me outside of class; I check and respond to email every evening. If you are absent, check Moodle for slides/updates and ask a classmate about any in-class announcements.
- If you have a disability and would benefit from accommodations, please speak with me as soon as possible. I am happy to work with you, so you can be successful in this class.