

**(revised 8/31/07)**  
**Linguistics 708**  
**PROSEMINAR IN LINGUISTICS**  
**Fall '07**

**TIME AND PLACE:**

W 4:30-7:10, Holton Hall #G88

**INSTRUCTOR:**

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**REQUIRED READINGS:**

- (a) *Linguistics. An introduction*,  
by Andrew Radford, Andrew, Martin Atkinson,  
David Britain, Harald Clahsen, and Andrew  
Spencer. 1999. Cambridge: Cambridge University  
Press.  
/On reserve: UWM Library: P121 L528/
- (b) *Grammar. A student's guide*,  
by James R. Hurford. 1994, Cambridge: Cambridge  
University Press.  
/UWM Library Reference Room: PE1112.H857 1994/
- (c) *Introduction to linguistics*.  
Handout packet, available in the UWM Bookstore  
(\$6.95)

**COURSE GOALS:** Students will be introduced to the theory, practice, and terminology of the three basic areas of linguistics: phonology, morphology, and syntax. In each area, we will discuss synchronic description, variation, and change.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- 6 home assignments
- final exam
- term paper (brief oral presentation and written version)
- class participation (including attendance)

**GRADING:**

- home assignments: 25%
- final exam: 25%
- paper (oral + written) 25%
- class participation: 25%

**DUE DATES:**

- home assignments: to be announced
- paper on special reading: Wednesday, October 3
- term papers:
  - proposal: Wednesday, October 3
  - first draft: Wednesday, November 7
  - oral reports: November 14, 21, 28,  
December 5
  - final version: Wednesday, December 12
- final exam: Wednesday, December 19,  
4:30 - 7:10

# STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

## I. OVERVIEW

September 5 Introduction and overview of the course

## II. SOUNDS

September 12 1. Introduction  
2. Sounds and supersegmentals

September 19 3. Sound variation  
4. Sound change

September 26 Special reading

October 3 5. Phonemes, syllables, and  
phonological processes  
6. Child phonology  
Review of chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6  
Paper on special reading due  
Paper proposals due

## III. WORDS

October 10 8. Introduction  
9. Word classes  
Hurford, pp. 1-87

October 17 10. Building words  
11. Morphology across languages

October 24 12. Word meaning  
13. Children and words

October 31 15. Lexical disorders  
16. Lexical variation and change

November 7 Review of chapters 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,  
13, 15, and 16  
First draft of papers due

#### IV. SENTENCES

November 14	17. Introduction 18. Basic terminology Hurford, pp. 87-168 Oral presentations
November 21	19. Sentence structure 22. Syntactic variation Oral presentations
November 28	24. Children's sentences Oral presentations
December 5	26. Syntactic disorders Oral presentations
December 12	Review of chapters 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, and 26 Hurford, pp. 168-252 Course review <u>Final version of papers due</u>
December 19, Wednesday, 4:30-7:10:	final exam

#### **GROUND RULES**

##### **1. CLASSROOM CONDUCT**

Please do not chat with classmates during class unless you are specifically asked to engage in small-group activities.

##### **2. LATE FOR CLASS?**

Please try to be punctual; but if you have to be late, PLEASE DO JOIN THE CLASS even if there are only 5 or 10 minutes left of the class time.

##### **3. NEED TO LEAVE CLASS EARLY?**

If you need to leave early, please do come to class and stay as long as you can. Even if you can attend only the first 5 minutes of class, PLEASE **BE** THERE for that amount of time.

#### **4. PAPERS**

If there is any written work to hand in, it should be typed and is due on the date announced. Make-ups will not be offered unless for very weighty reasons,

#### **5. EXAMS**

Exam will be offered when scheduled; exceptions only by prior arrangement and only for very weighty reasons. Regarding the final exam: UWM rules forbid rescheduling it for an earlier time.

#### **6. BRING BOOK AND HANDOUTS TO CLASS**

Please bring the book and your handouts to class since we may be doing exercises based on them.

#### **7. MISSING CLASS**

If you missed class, it is your responsibility to make it up with the help of your classmates and the instructor.

##### **(a) HELP FROM CLASSMATES**

Right at the beginning of the semester, you should agree with one or two fellow students that one of you will take particularly detailed notes if one or the other of you is absent so that the person returning to the class can then make a copy of the notes. Do **NOT** rely on notes taken by students for themselves: these are generally much less detailed than what you need to be able to make up the class.

##### **(b) HELP FROM THE INSTRUCTOR**

In addition, please feel free to see your instructor for clarification or more detail regarding the class notes you obtained from a fellow student. Handouts that you missed will be available from the instructor unless they are on D2L.

#### **8. COMMUNICATION**

If you have any questions or comments, you can always call me on the phone, see me, or send me an e-mail message. Please feel free to call me at home as well. You may also, use the channels provided by D2L to ask questions or make comments.

## **9. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

If you need accommodations in order to meet any of the requirements on this course, please contact me right away so that your needs can be accommodated confidentially.

## **10. RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

If there is any conflict between your observance of religious holidays and the schedule of activities in the course, please let me know. I will keep the information confidential if you so wish.

## **11. ANY COMPLAINTS?**

If you have any complaints regarding your course or if you wish to appeal a grade, I hope you will want to talk to me first. If this does not solve the problem, please contact

- Professor Gregory Iverson, Coordinator of Linguistics (Curtin Hall #885; 229-4285; [iverson@uwm.edu](mailto:iverson@uwm.edu)).

If the problem is not solved,

- get in touch with Professor David Mulroy, Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Linguistics (Curtin Hall #833; 229-4948; [dmulroy@uwm.edu](mailto:dmulroy@uwm.edu)).

If there are any further problems,

- contact the Dean for Academic Services in the College of Letters and Science, Holton Hall #118; 229-5872.

## **12. RELEVANT UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

For further information concerning students with disabilities, religious observances, students called to active military duty, incompletes, discriminatory conduct (such as sexual harassment), academic misconduct, complaint procedures, grade appeal procedures, and the final exam, please go to <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/SyllabusLinks.pdf>