Description: This course is designed to introduce you to the world of linguistics and prepare you for the linguistic courses to come.

What is linguistics?

Linguistics is the scientific study of language, its structures, and components. Linguistics is an umbrella term for multiple subdisciplines, including -but not limited to- applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, stylistics, and theoretical linguistics.

These subdisciplines contain many subdivisions themselves.

Our course will introduce you to the branches of **theoretical linguistics**:

> I.   *Phonology and Phonetics*
> II.   *Morphology*
> III. *Syntax*
> IV.   *Semantics*
> V.   *Historical Linguistics and Language Change*

Material: You will have a handout for each topic. I will either send you the handouts via email or upload them to the SEAS/Canvas website. You can print them out or keep them in their PDF format; that is up to you.

You will find practice quizzes on Canvas which you may solve at any time during the semester. The quizzes are NOT mandatory, but solving them will help you achieve a better grade at the end of the semester.

Grading: You are expected to take one midterm exam and a final exam, as well as a brief 5-minute presentation on one of the five topics. You may choose any of the 5 topics and talk about it for 5 minutes. You should be able to define your topic of choice (basically answer the question: What is X all about?). Practice quizzes on Canvas also count for part of the final grade alongside your presence and participation in class. The final grade will be given as follows:

Midterm Exam (25%)

Final Exam (35%)

Presentation (15%)

Practice quizzes (15%)

Participation (10%)

Attendance: Regular attendance in this on-campus course is a must and will be regularly checked. As per ELTE's policy, no student can be absent more than 3 times.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask it in class, or via email if you feel that that's more convenient.