

Introduction to Linguistics

Spring 2019

Code

BBN-ANG11-132

Time and place

132/o: Thu 15:00–16:30, R327

132/p: Thu 16:45–18:15, R327

Value, type

3-credit seminar

Host

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Course description

In this course you will get acquainted with the most important characteristics of human language and the basics of its scientific study, learning about phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, lexicology, language variation and language change.

Course material

The syllabus, the course materials and the home assignments will be made available at <http://seas3.elte.hu/coursematerial/OriPeter/index.html>.

Readings

The main textbook of the seminar will be

- László, Varga. 2010. Introduction to English Linguistics. A Companion to the Seminar. (Revised and Abridged). Budapest: Eötvös Loránd University.
Available at <http://seas3.elte.hu/coursematerial/VargaLaszlo/ICEL-2010.pdf>.

I also recommend reading the following book (available in Hungarian):

- Kenesei, Istán (ed.). 2011. A nyelv és a nyelvek. 6th revised and enlarged edition. Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó.

Besides, there will be select readings from other publications, too, which I will upload to the course web page.

Assessment

Assessment will be based on the quality of home assignments to be handed in weekly, modified by in-class participation. You have to submit all assignments to pass the course. The deadline is always the beginning of the following class; the grades of late assignments will be reduced in proportion to the lateness.

Grading policy: 0–59.99% → 1; 60–69.99% → 2; 70–79.99% → 3; 80–89.99% → 4; 90–100% → 5

Attendance

Regular attendance is necessary; a maximum of three absences can be tolerated.

*Syllabus**

<i>Feb 14</i>	Introduction 1. Language (I)
<i>Feb 21</i>	2. Language (II) and linguistics; phonetics (I)
<i>Feb 28</i>	3. Phonetics (II)
<i>Mar 7</i>	4. Phonology (I)
<i>Mar 14</i>	5. Phonology (II)
<i>Mar 21</i>	6. Phonology (III)
<i>Mar 28</i>	7. Morphology
<i>Apr 4</i>	8. Syntax (I)
<i>Apr 11</i>	9. Syntax (II)
<i>Apr 18</i>	<i>No class (spring break)</i>
<i>Apr 25</i>	<i>No class (OTDK conference)</i>
<i>May 2</i>	<i>No class</i>
<i>May 9</i>	10. Semantics and pragmatics
<i>May 16</i>	11. Language change

* The syllabus is subject to change.