



## CAS Linguistics Courses for Spring 2017

See also: <http://ling.bu.edu>

CAS	Title	Instructor	Days	Times	Prereqs.
<b><i>Courses in general linguistics</i></b>					
CAS LX 250	<b>Introduction to Linguistics</b>	Plaster	TR F <small>[disc.]</small>	5-6:15 pm <i>various times</i>	none
CAS LX 321/ GRS LX 621	<b>Syntax: Intro to Sentential Structure</b>	Hagstrom Myler	TR	11-12:15	CAS LX 250
CAS LX 331/ GRS LX 631	<b>Semantics &amp; Pragmatics: Meaning</b>	Alrenga	TR	12:30-1:45	CAS LX 250
CAS LX 341/ GRS LX 641	<b>Sociolinguistics</b>	Ngom	MWF	10:10-11	CAS LX 250
CAS LX 359/ GRS LX 659	<b>Interrupted Acquisition &amp; Lg Attrition</b>	Chang	MWF	12:20-1:10	CAS LX 250
CAS LX 391 GRS LX 691	<b>Linguistic Field Methods</b>	Myler	TR F	2-3:15 9:05-9:55	CAS LX 250
CAS LX 423/ GRS LX 723	<b>Advanced Syntax</b>	Hagstrom	TR	<b>3:30-4:45</b> <small>Note change in time</small>	LX Syntax
<b><i>Courses with a focus on a specific language or language family (see also LX 391/691 above)</i></b>					
CAS LX 364 GRS LX 664	<b>Linguistics of Contemporary English</b>	Alrenga	TR	9:30-10:45	CAS LX 250
CAS LG 315	<b>Introduction to German Linguistics</b>	Waters	TR	2-3:15	CAS LG 211

Note: These listings are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please consult <http://ling.bu.edu> and the Student Link.

### For students without any background in linguistics

**CAS LX 250 Introduction to Linguistics.\*** A1. **Plaster.** TR 5-6:15 pm.

Study of the fundamental properties that all languages share, and how languages differ with respect to structure (sound system, word formation, syntax), expression of meaning, acquisition, variation, and change; cultural and artistic uses of languages; comparison of oral, written, and signed languages.

Students should also sign up for a of Friday discussion section at one of these times:

*9:05-9:55, 10:10-11, 11:15-12:05, 12:20-1:10, 1:25-2:15, 2:30-3:20*

**\* CAS LX 250 is a prerequisite for all of the LX courses described below.**

It also counts as a Humanities course for satisfaction of the Divisional Studies requirements.

## Core courses (required for majors and minors - can be taken in any order)

### **CAS LX 321/GRS LX 621 Syntax: Introduction to Sentential Structure.\*\***

A1. Hagstrom & Myler. TR 11-12:15.

Introduction to syntax as an object of inquiry. Students build an increasingly sophisticated model of syntactic knowledge to account for data from English and other languages, constructing and evaluating alternative hypotheses about how sentence structure works.

**PREREQ:** CAS LX 250 or consent of instructor.

### **CAS LX 331/GRS LX 631 Semantics & Pragmatics:**

#### **Introduction to Linguistic Meaning.\*\***

A1. Alrenga. TR 12:30-1:45.

Systematic examination of how meaning is encoded in words and sentences, and how it can emerge from the complexity of the grammar. This course also touches on various aspects of pragmatics—the study of how meaning is shaped by context.

**PREREQ:** CAS LX 250 or consent of instructor.

## Electives

### **CAS LX 341/GRS LX 641 Sociolinguistics.**

A1. Ngom. MWF 10:10-11.

Sociolinguistics, broadly construed, is the investigation of relations between linguistic phenomena and human social life. This course covers several recent theoretical approaches to the study of language and society: variational sociolinguistics, ethnography of communication, and international sociolinguistics. Also covered are development of pidgins and creoles, multilingualism, language choice, and other aspects of language and culture.

**PREREQ:** CAS LX 250 or consent of instructor.

### **CAS LX 359/GRS LX 659 Interrupted Acquisition & Language Attrition.**

A1. Chang. MWF 12:20-1:10.

Examines native language knowledge and change in speakers who have become dominant in another language. Topics include differences among heritage speakers, international adoptees, and adult second language learners; language change in expatriates; and environmental and affective factors conditioning language loss.

**PREREQ:** CAS LX 250 or consent of instructor.

\*\* CAS LX 250, 301, 311, 321, and 331 also count as Humanities courses for satisfaction of the Divisional Studies requirements.

## Electives (*cont.*)

**CAS LX 391/GRS LX 691 Linguistic Field Methods.** A1. Myler. TR 2-3:15,  
F 9:05-9:55.

An in-depth investigation of the phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and lexicon of an African or other non-Indo-European language. Weekly sessions with language consultant.

**PREREQ:** CAS LX 250 or consent of instructor.

## Linguistic Analysis of a Specific Language or Language Family *Conducted in English*

**CAS LX 364/GRS LX 664 The Linguistics of Contemporary English.**

A1. Alrenga. TR 9:30-10:45.

A systematic introduction to the linguistic analysis of modern English (phonology, morphology, syntax) from the perspective of generative grammar. Other topics include: English and its West Germanic relatives, non-standard varieties and the development of standard English, varieties of World Englishes.

**PREREQ:** CAS LX 250 or consent of instructor.

**CAS LG 315 Introduction to German Linguistics.** A1. Waters. TR 2-3:15.

(Conducted in English) Introduction to major subfields of German linguistics: phonetics/phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, historical linguistics, regional variation, and sociolinguistic aspects such as gender and English influence. Includes familiarization with Middle High German. Course also aims to improve students' German proficiency and pronunciation.

**PREREQ:** CAS LG 211 or equivalent proficiency, or consent of instructor.

## Linguistics Course with One Prerequisite beyond LX 250

**CAS LX 423/GRS LX 723 Advanced Syntax: Issues in Modern Syntactic Theory.**

A1. Hagstrom. TR 3:30-4:45.

Exploration of advanced topics in syntax, chosen in part based on student interest, through reading and critical discussion of both foundational and recent literature.

**PREREQ:** CAS LX 321 / GRS LX 621 Syntax: Introduction to Sentential Structure (or CAS LX 522 Syntax 1) or consent of instructor.