

LINGUISTICS COURSES FOR SPRING 2010*

CAS LX 250 Foundations of Language.

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. NO PREREQUISITES.

A1 (lecture). **Neidle.** TR 11-12:30.

Students should also sign up for one of the discussion sections:

S1 9 am.	S4 12 noon.
S2 10 am.	S5 1 pm.
S3 11 am.	S6 2 pm.

CAS LX 250 Foundations of Language
(described above) is a prerequisite for the
rest of the CAS LX courses listed here.

*LX 250 counts as a Humanities course for
purposes of satisfying the CAS Divisional
Studies requirement.*

CAS LX 501 Field Methods.

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

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A1. **O'Connor.** TR 9:30-11.

CAS LX 510 Phonetics.

Introduction to phonetic and phonological theory at an elementary level. Transcription and production of sounds, International Phonetic Alphabet, the anatomy and physiology of speech, speech acoustics, phonological rules, analysis of data from a variety of languages.

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A1. **Mackenzie.** TR 12:30-2.

CAS LX 521 Morphology.

Introduction to the study of word structure. The surface variability of words, classical structuralism and the morpheme, process morphology, the notions 'word' and 'paradigm', the structure of the lexicon, morphosyntax. In-depth analyses of data from various languages.

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A1. **Mackenzie.** MWF 2-3.

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CAS LX 503 Semantics II.

Introduction to the semantics of natural language at an intermediate level. Topics include (but are not limited to) predication and quantification, scope and anaphora, problems of discourse analysis, various issues at the interface of semantics and pragmatics, and crosslinguistic semantics. PREREQ: CAS LX 502 SEMANTICS I.

A1. **Alrenga.** TR 11-12:30.

CAS LX 523 Syntax II.

Study of recent developments in syntactic theory, including the principles and parameters framework of generative grammar (the Minimalist Program, Antisymmetry) and certain other generative approaches (including Optimality Theory). This course builds on the background from established in LX 522 and provides an introduction to current issues in the field and proposals from the current theoretical linguistics literature. PREREQ: CAS LX 522 SYNTAX I.

A1. **Hagstrom.** M 4-7.

CAS LX 500 Topics in Linguistics.

Note: Topics vary each semester, and students may take CAS LX 500 for credit more than once.

Language Acquisition. A general introduction to theoretical study of first and second language acquisition, focusing mainly on the development of syntax. Topics will include tense and agreement, word order, and constraints on pronoun use, as well as lexical semantics and discourse constraints. PREREQ: CAS LX 250 FOUNDATIONS OF LANGUAGE OR INSTRUCTOR CONSENT.

A1. **Hagstrom.** TR 2-3:30.

Negation. An examination of the diverse strategies for expressing negation in natural languages (cf. *not, no one, un-* in English). Topics include: negation and scope, polarity items/concord, antonymy and reversal, and morphosyntactic variety in the expression of negation. PREREQ: CAS LX 250 FOUNDATIONS OF LANGUAGE OR INSTRUCTOR CONSENT.

B1. **Alrenga.** TR 3:30-5.

* Note: Information provided here is accurate as of April 29, 2009. Please consult the Student Link for the most up-to-date information. For more information about the Linguistics program, see <http://lina.bu.edu> or contact Prof. Neidle (carol@bu.edu; 617-352-6218).