

# LING150 Friday Session G – Syllabus

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First off, this class isn't hard.

## What are Friday sessions for?

- Clarifying course content and answering *your* questions on the material in an environment less bleak and alienating than the lecture class.
- Guiding you through the semester-long Field Notebook assignment.
- Fruitlessly trying to make the material “important,” “interesting” or “relevant” to your “lives.”

Fridays should solidify what concepts you pick up in the Monday and Wednesday lectures. Once we get into the class. You'll also get 10 points for your final grade each time you come here, but you will lose those points if you have an unexcused absence or you might lose some for coming late or failing to participate in our mandatory fun.

**Disclosure:** People who skip Mondays and Wednesdays lose participation points. People who skip Fridays fail. If you have to cut corners in this class, don't do it here! Even missing one Friday might be crucial especially if an assignment is due soon, so you should be sure to ask me or a classmate.

## The Field Notebook/Language Documentation Project

All together, the field notebook and its activities will make about half of your grade in this class. This project isn't something you work on as a whole, but we'll do it in small parts throughout the semester. The assignment is divided into four big parts, which you'll do, get a grade and then revise when you turn the next part it. There will also be preparatory activities.

I'll be supplying you with detailed checklists of all the specific requirements of the assignments, so you don't have to wade through the D2L instructions, so long as you pay attention Fridays!

## I don't need to have this section because you're adults.

Don't come late. Don't interfere with learning. Don't make fun of classmates. Don't chew loudly. Don't mess around on your Facebook. There's no real reason you should need a laptop here, but if you *have* to have one during class, sit in the back so you don't distract others.

## Other Info

More information and handouts will be added later to the D2L of this class. When in the 150 D2L site, click on “Content,” then on the left tabs, find “Discussion Sections” then “Section G” (G for greatest).

I'll also keep all the information on another website as a failsafe at <http://lukesmith.xyz/150>.

**I hold office hours on every day of the week in Communication 114D. You can come see me on Monday and Wednesday any time from 3:00 to 4:00, or on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 to 3:00.**