

LING 150 – “Language” (Section A)

Time & Place: 11:00-11:50AM in Communication 214
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Office Hours & Location: Tuesday 3-4PM in Douglas 214 or by appointment

What are Friday sessions for?

Monday and Wednesday lectures will expose you to the core information of the class. On Friday recitations, we will review, discuss, make relevant that information with occasional activities, mini-lectures on the “relevance” of linguistics (if any), and various academic high-jinks. Later in the semester, we will also have time of Fridays to work on the language documentation project, or review for tests.

It is fundamental to be aware of the information presented in the Monday and Wednesday lectures. We will be rehearsing the information from the main lecture here, and I will generally assume that you know the key terms and concepts from class. I understand if you misunderstand or don't get something, indeed *that's why we meet here*, but you should have a basic idea of what is going on in lectures before coming here every week (i.e. don't skip the content!).

Yes, we have to be friends. . .

My main job is to be accountable to the fact that you are grasping the material. You are free, at any time, to ask questions, be they surprisingly astute, embarrassingly stupid or simply clueless. Yes, there are such things as stupid questions, but if you're too afraid to ask them, you'll never move on to smart ones. This is the time to ask stupid questions.

In fact, if you do have any concerns, you should come to *me* with questions *before asking Amy*. Amy cannot be expected to keep track of the hundreds of students in this class. So if you have a question or problem, first ask me, if I'm not available, go see another one of the TAs during *their* office hours, and if that is not possible, only then ask Amy.

Getting points for your grade

Each Friday you can get up to 10 points added to your grade. These 10 points may come from 10-point quizzes, participation or sometimes mere attendance, depending on what we are doing that day. You should realize (by looking at Amy's syllabus) that this is 13% of your final grade. Your lowest daily score will be dropped from grade calculation.

Obvious things

Do not cheat on quizzes. Don't come late (it's rude). Don't diddle about on your cell phones and macbooks and things (it's rude). Don't eat in class if you chop like a barbarian (it's rude).