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AFT160

INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

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5 ECTS

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OBJECTIVE: The course aims to explain the fundamental concepts and terminology in the field of linguistics. It introduces the students to the wide scope of disciplines covered in the area of linguistic analysis such as phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics. Examples are mainly drawn from English; however, exercises based on a wide variety of the world's languages are provided to enable students to understand the nature of language, as well as basic questions, methods and concepts in Linguistics.

COURSE OUTLINE

LECTURE 1	The Centre of the World: What is language? What is linguistics? Why do we do linguistics? Subfields of linguistics.
LECTURE 2	Words and Grammar: The ingredients and the recipe of language. What is grammar? Where do words come from?
LECTURE 3	Languages of the world: How many languages are there? What counts as a language? What is a dialect? Are there primitive languages?
LECTURE 4	Knowledge of language vs. Knowledge <i>about</i> language. Knowing and Doing: Competence vs. performance.
LECTURE 5	PHONETICS: Sounds of language. How are they produced? How are they perceived?
LECTURE 6	PHONOLOGY: How do sounds work in the language system?
LECTURE 7	MORPHOLOGY: Making words from smaller pieces.
LECTURE 8	SYNTAX: Putting words together.
LECTURE 9	SEMANTICS: Meaning in language.
LECTURE 10	PRAGMATICS: Language in communication
LECTURE 11	SOCIOLINGUISTICS: Language variation and how it is linked to society.
LECTURE 12	HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS: Language change.

TEXTBOOK

Victoria Fromkin, Robert Rodman, Nina Hyams. *An introduction to language*. (the LATEST EDITION)

READING LIST

Φοίβος Παναγιωτίδης

Μίλα μου για γλώσσα: μικρή εισαγωγή στη γλωσσολογία

P121.P363 2013

Ian Roberts

The Wonders of Language Or How to Make Noises and Influence People

P121.A4384 1990

Adrian Akmajian [et. al.]

Linguistics: an introduction to language and communication

P121.A4384 1990

William O'Grady, Michael Dobrovolsky, Francis Katamba

Contemporary linguistics: an introduction

P121.C5854 1997

Andrew Radford [et al.]

Linguistics: an introduction

P121.L528 1999

Donna Jo Napoli

Linguistics: an introduction

P121.N36 1996

Neil Smith

Language, bananas and bonobos: linguistic problems, puzzles and polemics

P112.S65 2002

Neil Smith

Language, frogs and savants: more linguistic problems, puzzles and polemics

P107.S65 2005

Steven Pinker

The language instinct

P106.P476 1994

Ray Jackendoff

Patterns in the mind: language and human nature

P37.J33 1993

Stephen R. Anderson, David W. Lightfoot

The language organ: linguistics as cognitive physiology

P132.A53 2002

Mark C. Baker

The atoms of language

P107.B35 2001

ASSESSMENT

Final Examination: 60%

Quizzes: 30%

Class Participation: 10%