# LING 211 – Introduction to Linguistic Analysis

Section 01: TTh 10:30 – 11:50 AM, Vollum 110 Section 02: TTh 1:40 – 3:00 PM, Vollum 110

Course Syllabus Fall 2022

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### **PREREQUISITES**

There are no prerequisites for this course, other than an interest in language. Some familiarity with traditional grammar terms such as noun, verb, preposition, syllable, consonant, vowel, phrase, clause, sentence, etc., would be useful, but is certainly not required.

## **OVERVIEW**

Topic of the course. This course is an introduction to the scientific study of human language. Starting from fundamental questions such as What is language? and What do we know when we know a language?, we investigate the human language faculty through the hands

(3) Semantics, pragmatics: The relationship between linguistic form and linguistic meaning/ use. How words are interpreted, how the meanings of phrases and

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in advance to make arrangements. Matt is also available Monday through Thursday for appointments outside of office hours. Appointments will be held either in person or over Zoom, depending on mutual availability and preference. Just email Matt if you want to schedule an appointment.

Sameer — Sameer's in-person office hours will be held Monday 3:00-4:00 PM and Wednesday 3:00-5:00 PM in Eliot 101C. Sameer is also Zoom-bookable for shorter meetings that can't wait for drop-in office hours. Email them to arrange one.

Tutoring services. You should always feel free to consult Sameer or Matt for extra help on assignments. In addition, we hope to have students available for peer-to-peer tutoring for this course (availability of tutors varies from semester to semester). Information on tutoring can be found here (a link to this site appears near the top of the course Moodle page): https://www.reed.edu/academic\_support/tutoring.html.

Websites.

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# (2) Tuesday, September 6 — Thursday, September 8

Morphology (M): Morphological analysis and the 'form first' principle. Morphemes and morpho-lexical categories. Concatenative word formation: affixation, compounding, reduplication.

### Reading:

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- Haspelmath and Sims, Understanding Morphology (2nd ed.) / chapter 1, "Introduction", sections 1.1-1.3 (pp. 1-9); chapter 2, "Basic concepts" (pp. 14-29). [P241.H37 2010, Moodle]
- Kroeger, Analyzing Grammar: An Introduction / chapter 2, "Analyzing word structure" (pp. 7-25). [P126.K76 2005, Moodle]
- (optional video) "Long and Short Words: Language Typology" (4:36 minutes) [Moodle]
- (optional video) "Waking a Sleeping Language" (2:59 minutes) [Moodle]
- (optional video) "Language Documentation in Ambrym" (5:51 minutes)

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Reading:

(12) Tuesday, November 22