

Course Name : Linguistic Theory							
Course Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab. (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
ELL 521	A	Fall	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	6.00
Lecturer		Enriketa Sogutlu, Prof. Asoc. Dr.					
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Course language		English					
Course level		Master					
Description		This course serves as a comprehensive exploration of the fundamental principles and diverse dimensions within the field of linguistics. Over the course of 14 weeks, students will embark on a journey through key linguistic domains, ranging from the analysis of speech sounds and word structures to the exploration of meaning, language variation, and the intersection of linguistics with technology. Students will delve into historical linguistics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, and applied linguistics. The course is designed to foster a deep understanding of linguistic theories and their practical applications, preparing students to critically engage with language in its various forms. Emphasizing both theoretical foundations and real-world applications, this course aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for a nuanced understanding of language and its intricate complexities.					
Objectives		Understanding Linguistics Foundations: Demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of the historical development and foundational concepts within the field of linguistics. Phonetics and Phonology Proficiency: Acquiring proficiency in the analysis of speech sounds (phonetics) and understand the organizational patterns of sounds in languages (phonology). Morphological Analysis: Analyzing the structure of words and grasp morphological processes such as affixation and derivation. Syntactic Competence: Demonstrating competence in understanding and analyzing sentence structure, phrase structures, and different sentence types. Semantics Exploration: Exploring the intricacies of meaning in language, including lexical semantics and semantic relationships. Historical Linguistics Understanding: Understanding the principles and methods of historical linguistics, including language change over time and reconstruction. Sociolinguistic Awareness: Gaining awareness of language variation across social groups, examining dialects and understanding the impact of social factors on language. Psycholinguistic Insight: Gaining insight into language processing in the brain, cognitive aspects of language, and language acquisition. Pragmatic Competence: Developing pragmatic competence by understanding language use in context, including speech acts and conversational implicature. Computational Linguistics Application: Understanding the intersection of linguistics and technology, exploring applications in Natural Language Processing (NLP). Discourse Analysis Skills: Developing skills in analyzing written and spoken discourse, understanding conversational structures and patterns. Applied Linguistics Application: Applying linguistic knowledge to practical scenarios, including language teaching methods, translation, and language policy. Engagement with Current Linguistic Debates: Engaging in discussions surrounding contemporary issues, debates, and recent developments in the field of linguistics. Synthesis and Integration: Synthesizing and integrating diverse linguistic theories and principles, demonstrating a cohesive understanding of linguistics as a field of study.					
Core Concepts		Linguistics Fundamentals, Phonetics and Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Historical Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Psycholinguistics, Pragmatics, Computational Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, Applied Linguistics, Current Issues in Linguistics.					
Course Outline							

Week	Topic
1	Introduction to Linguistics In the initial lecture of the course, students will embark on a comprehensive exploration of the historical foundations and core concepts within linguistics. The curriculum covers an overview of linguistic branches and terminologies, with foundational readings from "Linguistics: An Introduction to Linguistic Theory" by Victoria Fromkin, specifically Chapters 1-2.
2	Phonetics and Phonology This lecture involves a meticulous examination of speech sound analysis (phonetics) and the organizational structures of sounds in languages (phonology). Rigorous analysis will be conducted through an in-depth study of Chapters 3-4 in Fromkin's seminal work.
3	Morphology This lecture focuses on the structural intricacies of words and the analysis of morphological processes such as affixation and derivation. Pertinent insights will be gleaned from Chapters 5-6 in Fromkin's authoritative text.
4	Syntax Students will delve into the syntax of language, comprehending the nuances of sentence structure, grammatical relations, and phrase structure. Chapters 7-8 of Fromkin's work will serve as the cornerstone for this exploration.
5	Semantics The study of meaning in language, including an exploration of lexical semantics and semantic relationships, will be the focal point of this lecture. Chapter 9 of Fromkin's comprehensive work will guide students through this intricate terrain.
6	Historical Linguistics This lecture navigates through the domain of historical linguistics, including methods such as language change over time and reconstruction. Chapter 10 in Fromkin's scholarly exposition will be the guiding reference.
7	Sociolinguistics The examination of language variation across social groups, with a meticulous analysis of dialects and the influence of social factors, is the focus of this lecture. Chapter 11 in Fromkin's text will serve as a guiding reference for this sociolinguistic exploration.
8	Mid-term exam
9	Psycholinguistics This lecture marks a transition towards psycholinguistics, where students will gain insight into the intricacies of language processing within the human brain and delve into cognitive aspects, including language acquisition. Chapter 12 of Fromkin's seminal work will be the focal point for this scholarly exploration.
10	Pragmatics Students will delve into the pragmatic dimensions of language use, exploring contextual aspects, speech acts, and conversational implicature. Chapter 13 of Fromkin's authoritative text will guide students through the intricacies of pragmatic analysis.
11	Computational Linguistics This lecture brings attention to the intersection of linguistics and technology, focusing on applications in Natural Language Processing (NLP). Students will explore this dynamic field with guidance from Chapter 14 in Fromkin's work.
12	Discourse Analysis Dedicated to the study of written and spoken discourse, unraveling the structures and patterns that shape communication. Chapter 15 in Fromkin's comprehensive text will provide the necessary foundation for discourse analysis.
13	Applied Linguistics This lecture bridges theory and practice as students delve into applied linguistics. Practical applications of linguistic knowledge, including language teaching methods, translation, and language policy, will be explored with insights from Chapter 16 in Fromkin's scholarly work.
14	Current Issues in Linguistics In this lecture, students will actively engage in discussions surrounding contemporary issues, debates, and recent developments in the field of linguistics. Chapter 17 in Fromkin's work will guide students through the dynamic landscape of current issues.
15	Review and Synthesis As the course draws to a close, this lecture provides an opportunity for reflection and synthesis. Students will recapitulate key concepts, integrating diverse linguistic theories with guidance from Chapter 18 in Fromkin's authoritative text.
16	Final Exam

Prerequisites		The student must attend the course at a minimum rate of 75%.
Literature		• Fromkin Victoria. 2019. Linguistics : An Introduction to Linguistic Theory Repr ed. Malden Mass: Blackwell. • Fromkin, V., Rodman, R., Hyams, n. (2014). An introduction to language (10th ed.) Cengage Learning
References		• Shcmit, Hans (2012),Linguistic theories, approaches and methods, in Martin Mideke, Timo Muller and Huber Zapf, eds., English and American Studies. Theory and Practice, Stuttgart-Weimar:Metzier, 371-394 • Stewart, T. W., & Vaillette, N. (2016). Language files: Materials for an introduction to language & linguistics (12th ed.). Ohio State University Press • Denham, K., & Lobeck, A. (2012). Linguistics for everyone: An introduction. Cengage Learning
Course Outcome		
1	Foundational Knowledge: Students will demonstrate a solid understanding of the historical development and foundational concepts within the field of linguistics.	
2	Phonetic and Phonological Competence: Students will be proficient in analyzing speech sounds (phonetics) and understanding the organizational patterns of sounds in languages (phonology).	
3	Morphological Analysis Skills: Students will be able to analyze the structure of words and apply their knowledge of morphological processes, such as affixation and derivation.	
4	Syntactic Analysis Competency: Students will demonstrate competence in understanding and analyzing sentence structure, phrase structures, and different sentence types.	
5	Semantics Understanding: Students will have a nuanced understanding of meaning in language, including lexical semantics and semantic relationships.	
6	Historical Linguistics Proficiency: Students will understand and apply the principles and methods of historical linguistics, including language change over time and reconstruction.	
7	Sociolinguistic Awareness and Analysis: Students will demonstrate awareness of language variation across social groups, analyze dialects, and understand the impact of social factors on language.	
8	Insight into Psycholinguistics: Students will gain insight into language processing in the brain, cognitive aspects of language, and language acquisition.	
9	Pragmatic Competence: Students will develop pragmatic competence, understanding language use in context, including speech acts and conversational implicature.	
10	Application of Computational Linguistics: Students will understand the intersection of linguistics and technology, exploring applications in Natural Language Processing (NLP).	
11	Discourse Analysis Skills: Students will develop skills in analyzing written and spoken discourse, understanding conversational structures and patterns.	
12	Applied Linguistics Application: Students will apply linguistic knowledge to practical scenarios, including language teaching methods, translation, and language policy.	
13	Engagement with Current Linguistic Debates: Students will actively engage in discussions surrounding contemporary issues, debates, and recent developments in the field of linguistics.	
14	Synthesis and Integration of Linguistic Theories: Students will synthesize and integrate diverse linguistic theories and principles, demonstrating a cohesive understanding of linguistics as a field of study.	

Course Evaluation			
In-term Studies	Quantity	Percentage	
Midterms	1	50	
Quizzes	0	0	
Projects	0	0	
Term Projects	0	0	
Laboratory	0	0	
Class Participation	0	0	
Total in-term evaluation percent			50
Final exam percent			50
Total			100
ECTS Workload (Based on Student Workload)			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total (hours)
Course duration (Including the exam week: 16x Total hours of the course)	16	4	64
Study hours outside the classroom (Preparation, Practice, etc.)	14	5	70
Duties	0	0	0
Midterms	1	4	4
Final Exam	1	4	4
Other	1	8	8
Total Work Load			150
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			6.00
ECTS			6.00