

Syllabus

This course is a general introduction to contemporary linguistics—the formal description and analysis of human language—with special reference to the languages of Asia. Students will learn the basic concepts and methodologies of linguistic inquiry and the linguistic features of Asian languages. Topics covered include phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, historical and comparative linguistics, language classification, sociolinguistics, and writing systems. *Note: This is an introductory course, and is not suitable for those who have had Linguistics 400 and/or more advanced linguistics courses.*

Class: M-F 10:30 - 11:20 SMI 105 <http://courses.washington.edu/asian401/>

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Texts: O’Grady, William et al. 2005. *Contemporary Linguistics: An Introduction* (Fifth Edition). Boston: Bedford/St. Martin’s. [ISBN #978-0-312-41936-3. Available at *University Book Store* and on reserve at Odegaard.]

Goddard, Cliff. 2005. *The Languages of East and Southeast Asia*. Oxford University Press. [ISBN #978-0-199-24860-5. Limited number of copies available at *University Book Store*, on reserve at Odegaard, and available on e-reserves.]

Asian Linguistics Workbook. [Available for download on e-reserves, and on demand at Ave Copy Center 4141 University Way.]

Grading: Grades are calculated as follows:

- Class Participation 10%
- Homework 40%
- Midterm Examination 20%
- Final Examination 30%

Class Participation: Students are expected to have completed the readings and exercises as indicated on the schedule, and to participate in classroom discussions and activities. Students with more than three unexcused absences will receive a significant reduction of credit in this category.

Exams: Students are responsible for the content of all lectures, assigned readings, exercises, and homework assignments. No make-up exams will be given unless arranged in advance.

Late Policy: Assignments must be handed in at the beginning of class on the due date. Homework assignments that are up to one class meeting late will lose 10% credit and up to two meetings late will lose 20% credit. Under normal circumstances late homework will not be accepted after two class meetings.

SCHEDULE

Readings marked *LESA* are in Goddard, *The Languages of East and Southeast Asia*; all others are in O'Grady *et al.*, *Contemporary Linguistics* (5th Edition). Prepare all readings *before* the class period for which they are assigned.

*Exercises are to be prepared before class but are not to be handed in. Homework assignments (in **bold**) are to be handed in at the beginning of class. All homework assignments must be done individually and should reflect only your own work. ALW = Asian Linguistics Workbook.*

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Wk 1 3/30-4/3	Introduction 1: branches of linguistics	Lgs of Asia 1: East and Southeast Asia	Lgs of Asia 2: South Asia	Phonetics 1: the vocal tract	Phonetics 2: consonants
Read:		<i>ch 1</i>	<i>LESA 1.1, 2.1</i>	<i>ch 2: secs 1-3</i>	<i>ch 2: secs 4-5</i>
Wk 2 4/6-10	Phonetics 3: consonants	Phonetics 4: vowels	Phonetics 5: Int'l Phonetic Alphabet	Phonetics 6: IPA practice	Phonetics 7: suprasegmentals; more IPA
Read:		<i>ch 2: sec 6</i>	<i>ch 2: sec 7</i>		<i>ch 2: sec 8</i>
Due:	map homework			<i>p. 52 excs 1-10</i>	<i>ALW 1.1.1</i>
Wk 3 4/13-17	Phonetics 8: practice	Phonology 1: the phoneme	Phonology 2: the phoneme	Phonology 3: syllables; rules	Phonology 4: Asian languages
Read:	<i>ch 2: sec 10</i>	<i>ch 3: secs 1-2</i>	<i>ch 3: sec 3</i>	<i>ch 3: secs 5-6</i>	<i>LESA ch 5.1, 5.5</i>
Due:	<i>ALW 1.1.3</i>	HW #1: <i>ALW 1.1.1-1.1.4</i>		<i>ALW 1.2.2-1.2.3</i>	<i>ALW 1.2.4</i>
Wk 4 4/20-24	Phonology 5: exercises	Morphology 1: morphemes	Morphology 2: morphemes	Morphology 3: derivation	Morphology 4: inflection
Read:		<i>ch 4:sec 1</i>	<i>ch 4:sec 2</i>	<i>ch 4:sec 4</i>	<i>ch 4: sec 3</i>
Due:	<i>ALW 1.2.5-1.2.7</i>	HW #2: <i>ALW 1.2.8-1.2.10</i>			<i>ALW 1.2.11</i>
Wk 5 4/27-5/1	Morphology 5: allomorphy, morphophonology	Morphology 6: Asian languages	Morphology 7: exercises	Morphology 8: compounds	Midterm Review
Read:	<i>Ch 4: sec 6</i>	<i>LESA 1.2, 3.1</i>	--	--	--
Due:	<i>ALW 1.2.12</i>		<i>ALW 2.1, 2.2.2-2.2.5</i>	HW #3: <i>ALW 2.2.8, 2.2.9, 2.2.11</i>	<i>ALW 1.2.16-1.2.18, 2.2.18, 2.2.20, 3.2.9, 3.2.16</i>

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Wk 6 5/4-8	Midterm Exam	Syntax 1: structure	Syntax 2: movement	Syntax 3: exercises	Semantics
Read: Due:	--	<i>ch 5: secs 1-2</i>	<i>ch 5: sec 3</i>	-- <i>ALW 4.2.3</i>	<i>ch 6: secs 1-4;</i> <i>LESA 3.3</i>
Wk 7 5/11-15	Historical Linguistics 1: sound change	Historical Linguistics 2: sound change	Historical Linguistics 3: morphological change	Historical Linguistics 4: syntactic and lexical change	Historical Linguistics 5: reconstruction: comparative
Read: Due:	<i>ch 7: secs 1-2</i> HW #4: <i>ALW</i> 4.2.4	--	<i>ch 7: sec 3</i>	<i>ch 7: secs 4-5</i>	<i>ch 7: sec 6</i>
Wk 8 5/18-22	Historical Linguistics 5: reconstruction: comparative	Historical Linguistics 6: reconstruction: comparative	Historical Linguistics 7: reconstruction: internal	Historical Linguistics 8: practice	Language Classification 1: typology and genetics
Read: Due:	<i>ch 7: sec 6</i> HW #5: <i>Handout</i>	--	--	-- <i>Comparative</i> <i>Method Exercises</i>	<i>ch 8: secs 1-3</i> <i>ALW 5.2.1, 5.2.2</i>
Wk 9 5/25-29	Memorial Day [no class]	Language Classification 2: language families of Asia	Asian Lgs 1: Language situations	Asian Lgs 2: syntax	Asian Lgs 3: tone
Read: Due:		<i>LESA 2.2</i> <i>ALW 5.2.3</i>	<i>LESA 2.4</i> HW #6: <i>ALW</i> 5.2.4-5.2.7	<i>LESA 1.3, 1.6,</i> <i>1.7, 4.4-4.4.1, 4.5</i>	<i>LESA 1.5, 5.5</i>
Wk 10 6/1-6/5	Asian Lgs 4: sociolinguistics	Writing Systems 1: writing systems of South Asia <i>guest lecture</i>	Writing Systems 2: East Asia	Review	Final Review Course Evaluations
Read: Due:	<i>LESA 1.8, 1.9,</i> <i>7.2.2, 7.3.1-7.3.2</i> HW #7: <i>Handout</i>	<i>ch 16: sec 1</i>	<i>ch 16: secs 2-4;</i> <i>LESA 1.4, 6</i>		--
	Final exam: Monday, June 8, 8:30-10:20 am, SMI 105				

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