This is a general list of lecture and text topics to assist you but is not exhaustive. Concepts and examples associated with items on this list should also be studied.

**Chapter 1: Dialects standards and vernaculars**

What is linguistics?
- Grammar
  - Syntax
  - Semantics
  - Morphology
  - Phonetics and phonology
- Grammatical vs. ungrammatical

What is Sociolinguistics?
- Descriptive
- Prescriptivism

What is a dialect?
- Myths and reality
- Formal standard
- Informal standard
- Vernacular
- Continuum of Informal standard

Why are linguists interested in dialects?

**Chapter 2: Why dialects?**

Linguistic + social = millions of possibilities

Social reasons
- Settlement patterns
- Migration patterns
- Geography
- Language contact
- Economic ecology
- Social class stratification
- Social networks
  - density, plexity
- Community of practice
- Speech community
- Individual identity

Linguistic reasons
- Systematic differences
- Changes from within
- Changes from outside
- Rule extension
Analogy
  Leveling
  regularization
Transparency
Grammaticalization
Pronunciation
  Production
  Perception
  Organization
  Phonemes
Words (lexemes)
  Meaning shift