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Please use your personal **UofT email** (@mail.utoronto.ca/@utoronto.ca) to email us. Make sure to **include your full name, student number and tutorial number** at the end of your email. Make sure to **include LINA01 in the subject line**. Please give us **48-72 hours** to respond. This is a very large class - the volume of emails will fluctuate depending on where we are in the course. If you don't hear back from us in 72 hours, please resend your email.

Please contact the Course Coordinator (████ for any administrative questions including technical issues, deadlines, submissions, etc. Please contact Prof. Moghaddam for content-related questions and try to attend Instructor/TA office hours if your questions require a substantive response.

Please do not contact your TAs. They are not responsible for email/message communication with students.

Please do not contact us through Quercus Messages. This is strictly for record-keeping purposes. We are not responsible for missed messages sent through Quercus.

Course Description and Outcomes

COURSE DESCRIPTION

LINA01H3F (Introduction to Linguistics) comprises a general introduction to linguistics, defined as the science whose domain of investigation is the nature of (human and natural) language. The course contains overviews of the main areas that contribute to the understanding of language mechanisms and structure: the description of speech sounds, the classification of sound systems, and the structure of words and sentences. Various methods and theories used to analyze them are also discussed. The focus is on both specific languages and language in general.

This course is a **prerequisite for LINA02H3** (Applications of Linguistics), among other linguistics courses, and for Linguistics specialist/major/minor programs.
LINA01 satisfies the Arts, Literature & Language breadth requirement.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, the students will be able to:

- Make a distinction between:
  - Prescriptive and descriptive approaches
  - Linguistic competence and performance
- Demonstrate understanding of the core subfields in linguistics including phonetics, phonology, morphology and syntax.
- Show the ability to analyze linguistic data and identify patterns in speech sounds, word and sentence structure.
- Recognize the ways in which human languages converge and differ.
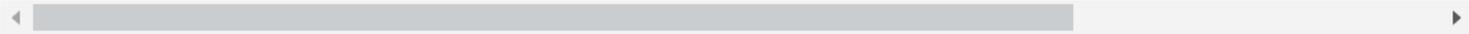- Develop the ability to communicate ideas concisely both orally and in writing.
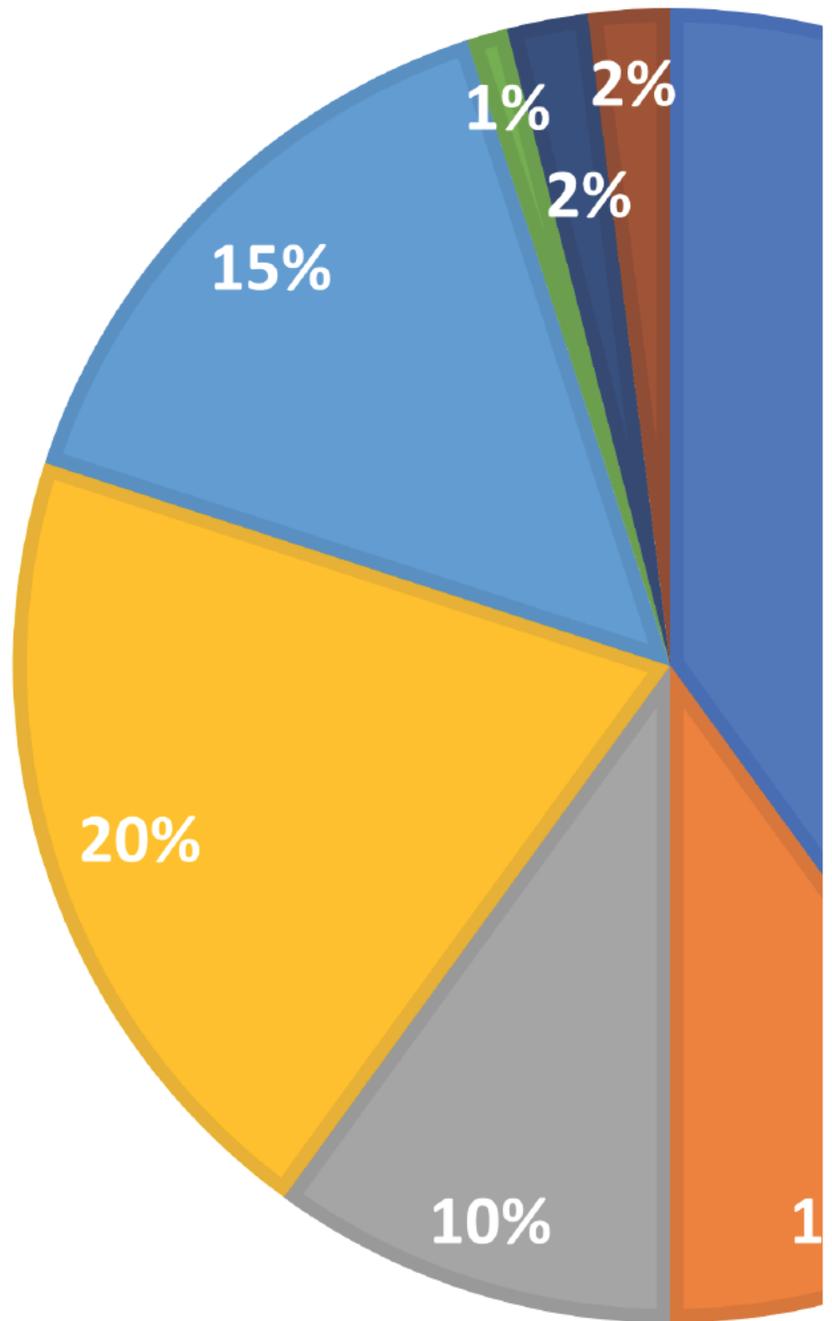
Grade Distribution

Assessment Type	Individual Weight	Total Weight
Final Exam	-	40%
Weekly Practice Exercises	-	10%
Top Hat	-	10%
Quizzes (x4)	5%	20%
Assignments (x3)	5%	15%
Survey	-	1%
Intro Activity	-	2%
Self-check Activity	-	2%

All of the deadlines will be available through Quercus as an **Assignment Deadline** ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ page. If you miss any of the assignments, there will be no make-up quizzes/assignments. If you miss any coursework, you may request a weight transfer to other assessments of the same weight. Please contact Kate (▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮).

Please note that no extensions will be given (apart from extraordinary circumstances) as answers to Quizzes, Assignments, and Weekly Exercises will become available immediately after the deadline. Please contact Kate with any questions.

Final Exam

Weekly Practice Exercises

Top Hat

Quizzes (x4)

Assignments (x3)

Survey

Intro Activity

Self-check Activity

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Tutorial Sections

TUTORIALS

There will be **no live tutorials** for this course, but **every student must be registered for a tutorial group** in order to be able to interact with the TA/peers via the Discussion Board.

Please note that you will be assigned **weekly practice exercises**. These practice exercises will be posted on Quercus every week on Sunday. Please complete these exercises by **Thursday noon (12 PM EST)**. You will have a 30-minute grace period, after which you will not be able to submit your work. Please note that if you continuously submit late work (3 or more times), marks will be deducted. You will be able to miss 2 weekly exercises without documentation. The weight of these exercises will be distributed across the remaining weekly exercises. If you are unable to submit your work for a particular week, *you must contact* ███████████████████ ████████████████████ *to discuss your options*.

Answers to the week's exercises will become available at 12:30 PM on Thursdays.

Each week, there will be a submission page for you to upload your answers. Please submit your work as a **PDF, DOC, or Image (JPEG/PNG)**. Your TA will check your work for completion. This means that you will receive the mark for your weekly practice exercises if you have completed them. Partial marks may be awarded for incomplete work. You will not lose any marks if you have answered a question/some questions incorrectly. However, please note that *your TA will check that your answers are relevant to the questions asked*. Make sure to answer each question to the best of your ability and in full (i.e. address each part of the question).

If you have questions about the course content, please try to attend the weekly Office Hours (see **schedule**███████████████████████████) run by TAs and the Instructor.

Moreover, each TA is responsible for their students only. Your TA marks and keeps a record of your assignments and weekly activities and evaluates your work throughout the semester.

Assessments

TOPHAT HOMEWORK

You will be assigned weekly readings on the Top Hat platform, which will include in-text questions that you need to complete in order to receive **10% of your total grade**. You will have to complete each reading within the assigned timeframe in order to receive your credit. After the deadline to complete the reading, you will be able to access the text for review. The Top Hat e-book will provide you with an outline of all the concepts taught in LINA01, as well as give you a chance to practice and apply the skills you have acquired. You will not be graded on the correctness of your responses; however, you will be graded on **completion** (i.e. doing your work). If you've completed all readings and questions on time, you will receive the full 10 points. Your Top Hat grade will be updated on an ongoing basis.

If you require extensions on readings, please contact ████████████████████ ████████████████████. If you're experiencing technical difficulties with Top Hat, please contact their support (**support@tophat.com (mailto:support@tophat.com)**).

Top Hat exercises will be due every **Sunday at 11:59 PM (EST)**. Week 1 work will be due on Sunday, Sept. 19.

ONLINE QUIZZES

There will be four (4) quizzes assigned throughout the semester worth **20% of the final grade** (i.e. each quiz is worth 5%). Quizzes will be completed through Quercus, and we will send you a reminder on where and how you will be able to access these quizzes on Quercus.

The quizzes will be timed – approximately **30 minutes** in duration and will be accessible **from Friday noon (12 PM EST) until the end of Monday (11:59 PM EST)**. You must complete each quiz in one sitting so plan accordingly. Each quiz will test you on previously covered topics and may or may not be cumulative.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a stable internet connection as well as a charged laptop/well-functioning desktop PC. While we encourage the use of the mobile Canvas (Quercus) app, DO NOT use your phone/tablet when attempting your quizzes.

There will be no make-up quizzes as answers will become available immediately after the deadline. If you have to miss a quiz, the weight will be transferred to the remaining quizzes. Please contact ████████████████████ ████████████████████. if you encounter any technical issues or have to miss a quiz. In case of technical issues, please document your problem by making a recording or taking screenshots.

ASSIGNMENTS

There will be a total of three (3) assignments throughout the term worth **15% of your final grade** (i.e. each assignment is worth 5%). The assignments will be available to you through Quercus, and you will be required to submit completed assignments through Quercus. Assignments may not be completed with other students in the course (unless we specify otherwise).

Assignments will be posted on Quercus **a minimum of one week before they are due**. We prefer that you do not e-mail your homework to us; however, in certain circumstances, this may be unavoidable. In this case, please contact ██████████████████████ ████████████████████ immediately for further arrangements.

FINAL EXAM

There is no midterm exam in this course. The final exam will be written during the examination period which runs between December 9-21. We will notify you via Quercus Announcements once the date/time is confirmed.

The final exam will be cumulative. There will be two parts to the exam (more information will be available through Quercus and Announcements). **If you miss the final exam, you may submit a petition (askro.utsc@utoronto.ca (mailto:askro.utsc@utoronto.ca)) for a deferred exam through the Registrar's Office (https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/missing-examination) . Please do not contact your course instructor about a missed final exam; you must contact the UTSC Registrar directly.**

Late Submissions, Extensions, and Regrading Policy

LATE SUBMISSIONS AND EXTENSIONS

By taking this course you agree to follow the schedule and the evaluation scheme provided by the instructor. To help this course run smoothly, **we will not accept any late submissions** unless presented with extraordinary circumstances. Most assessments will provide students with answers immediately after the submission deadline. This prevents us from accepting work past the deadline.

In some cases (documented illness or an emergency), you may be able to request your grade weight to be transferred to another portion of the course. In general, **please contact** ███ ███████████████ ███████████████████ **regarding any missed work**.

REGRADING POLICY

If you think either your assignment or quiz needs reassessment (either an error in grading or calculation error), please complete a regrade form available through Quercus. Please include a detailed explanation of why you think there has been an error in the grading of your assignment. Your work will be re-evaluated by another TA. You must submit your regrade requests no later than 2 weeks after receiving the assignment back.

Accessibility Accommodations

The University provides academic accommodations for students with disabilities in accordance with the terms of the Ontario Human Rights Code. This occurs through a collaborative process that acknowledges a collective obligation to develop an accessible learning environment that both meets the needs of students and preserves the essential academic requirements of the University's courses and programs. For more information on services and resources available to instructors and students, please visit **http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~ability/** **(http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~ability/)** .

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Toronto is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (**Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters [July 1, 2019] | The Office of the Governing Council, Secretariat (utoronto.ca)** **(https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/code-behaviour-academic-matters-july-1-2019)**) outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences. It is expected that all students adhere to these guidelines.

For additional information and workshops on Academic Matters see the Academic Advising and Career Centre at **https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/academic-integrity (https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/academic-integrity)** .