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Title	CMSD3020 "Language Science" Syllabus
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General Information:

Course title:

CMSD3020 Language Science

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Overview:

This course serves as an introduction to language and its components, to language variation and bilingualism, and to language development and processes, in the oral and written modality. Students will learn how these concepts and language analyses relate to speech-language pathology.

Prerequisite:

Permission of the department

Textbook:

Fromkin, V., Rodman, R., & Hyams, N. (2006). **An Introduction to Language, 8th Edition.** Thomson Heinle. [The 7th Edition is acceptable. ISBN 0-15-508481-X]

Office hours:

Office hours will be held on Monday from 1:30 -- 3:30 PM and Wednesdays: 10:00 –11:00 AM in Aderhold Hall Room 542. If you are unable to come to regular office hours, you are encouraged to schedule an individual appointment. Katie Coleman, a graduate student in speech-language pathology, will be my graduate assistant for this class. Her email address is kfrmclmn@uga.edu.

Course requirements

- There will be a total of three exams (two examinations during the semester and a final examination) and a class project.
- Each exam or project will constitute 25 percent of your grade.
- Make up exams will be given ONLY when a written medical excuse is provided to the instructor.

- **OUR FINAL EXAM FOLLOWS THE OFFICIAL EXAM SCHEDULE, SO MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT PLAN ANY TRIPS OR ADVENTURES UNTIL AFTER THE EXAM IS COMPLETED.**
- You will be allowed two un-excused absences. Each absence beyond two will result in a lower final letter grade. For example, if your grade is A with three absences, a B+ will be reported. If your grade is A with four absences, a B will be reported, and so on and so forth.
- Students are expected to complete the reading assignments prior to class and be able to participate in class discussions.
- There will be a listserv for this class (CMSD3020@listserv.uga.edu) on which I will post any announcements, clarifications, relevant questions and discussions that need to be shared with the entire class. Please make sure I have your correct e-mail address (preferably a UGA MyID account) by the end of the first week of class.

Academic Honesty:

All academic work must meet the standards included in **A Culture of Honesty**. All students are responsible for informing themselves of those standards before performing any academic work. <http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon.htm> The Student Honor Code of the University of Georgia states “I will be academically honest in all of my academic work and will not tolerate academic dishonesty of others.” In general, for this course, this means that you are encouraged to talk with your colleagues, but anything you turn in to me for course credit should be the product of your own work and yours alone.

Special Accommodations:

Accommodations can be made for students with disabilities. Please bring any relevant documentation and meet with me during office hours to discuss your learning needs. For information on documentation requirements, contact the Learning Disability Center (542-0734) or Disabilities Services (542-8719).

Final grade:

Your final grade is based on the percentage of points you accumulate throughout the semester from your four exams and the project. Total points earned will be scaled to a Plus/Minus Grading System (<http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/PlusMinusGradingFAQ.html>):

A = 94 – 100%	C+ = 77 - 79%
A- = 90 - 93%	C = 73 - 76%
B+ = 87 - 89%	C- = 70 - 72%
B = 83 - 86%	D = 60 - 69%
B- = 80 – 82%	F = 59% or less

Tentative schedule of topics

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
08/17 [F]	Class overview Components of language & types of grammar	Chapter 1
08/22 [W]	Differences between speech, language & communication Animal “Languages”	Chapter 1
08/24 [F]	Words and morphemes	Chapter 3
08/29 [W]	Word formation & word coinage	Chapter 3
08/31 [F]	Syntax structure	Chapter 4
09/05 [W]	Syntax relatedness (including complex syntax)	Chapter 4
09/07 [F]	Lexical meaning	Chapter 5
09/12 [W]	Phrasal and sentence meaning	Chapter 5
09/14 [F]	Form-meaning relations	Handouts
09/19 [W]	Pragmatics (including narratives)	Chapter 5
09/21 [F]	Human Language Series Part I	
09/26 [W]		Exam 1
09/28 [F]	Sound segments, phonetic symbols, & spelling	Chapter 6
10/03 [W]	Consonants	Chapter 6
10/05 [F]	Vowels	Chapter 6
10/10 [W]	Phonology I	Chapter 7
10/12 [F]	Phonology II	Chapter 7
10/17 [W]	First language acquisition	Chapter 8
10/19 [F]	Second language acquisition	Chapter 8
10/24 [W]	Human Language Series Part II	transcript
10/26 [F]	FALL BREAK (No Class)	
10/31 [W]		Exam 2
11/02 [F]	Language and brain I	Chapter 2
11/07 [W]	Language and brain II	Chapter 2
11/09 [F]	Human language processing	Chapter 9
11/14 [W]	Language in Society: Regional variations	Chapter 10
11/16 [F]	Language in Society: Sociolects & language contact	Chapter 10
11/21 [W]	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (No Class)	
11/23 [F]	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (No Class)	
11/28 [W]	Language Change	Chapter 11
11/30 [F]	Languages of the world	Chapter 11
12/04 [T]	Writing: The ABCs of language [Friday Schedule]	Chapter 12
12/05 [W]	Human Language Series Part III	
12/10 [M]	12:00 -3:00 PM	FINAL EXAM