LING 100A: Foundations in Linguistics: I
Preliminary Course Outline
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Course description:
LING 100A introduces students to what linguists do and to how language works. The course provides an introduction to the following:

- universal principles of language
- the sounds of language (phonetics)
- the sounds patterns in languages (phonology)
- the structure of words (morphology)
- the structure of phrases and sentences (syntax)
- the meaning of words and sentences (semantics)
- the graphic representation of language (writing systems)

You will learn about these foundational principles and will apply these principles to discover patterns in language data.

Course content will be fully online and asynchronous, that is no “real-time” sessions will be required. Students will be invited to attend optional online Zoom review/tutorial sessions where we will review exercises/problems and answer questions about the current topics. These sessions will be recorded so they are available to students who are unable to attend the live sessions.

Proposed Evaluation:
Online assignments/quizzes = 20%
Test #1 = 20%
Test #2 = 20%
Final exam = 40%

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