Tues, Thurs 3:30 - 4:45, Buchanan 1910

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Course website  https://gaucho.ucsb.edu/linguistics

Readings  Readings consist of excerpts from a range of sources, including but not limited to the following:


Grade components:  
Assignments  50%  
Mid-term exam  25%  Tu May 9  3:30 pm  
Final exam  25%  Th June 15  4 - 6 pm

Proposed schedule of topics (subject to change)

Week 1  Apr 4 - 6  Language and communication; linguistics and the scientific method
Week 2  Apr 11 - 13  Grammar, conventions, and norms
Week 3  Apr 18 - 20  Animal communication
Week 4  Apr 25 - 27  Typology and diversity
Week 5  May 2 - 4  Language history and culture
Week 6  May 9 - 11  The physics of sound
Week 7  May 16 - 18  Writing systems
Week 8  May 23 - 25  Language and technology: codes
Week 9  May 30 – June 1  Language and technology: speech synthesis and search algorithms
Week 10  June 6 - June 8  Language and new media

Elements of this course

- Many course materials (e.g. readings, handouts, and assignments) are available through Gauchospace. The Gauchospace site is a critical resource, so check it often for updates.
- Assignments are a crucial element of this course and will facilitate understanding of the lecture material. If you have questions about an assignment, please ask in class or bring them to office hours.
- All assignments are posted, graded, and handed back online. Gauchospace assignment submission can be spotty if you use a wifi and/or timed internet connection. Save all your work on your own drive. Always double-check to ensure your text entry has been transmitted and that your documents are uploaded and not corrupted. Submissions that cannot be accessed by the instructor will be considered unsubmitted.
- Late homework assignments will be assessed a 10% penalty assessed for each subsequent 24-hour period (including weekends), up to five days after the due date. Late assignments are not accepted once the assignment has been handed back.
- The midterm and final exams will include written long-answer, short-answer, and multiple choice components. You will need to bring a pink scantron sheet for each exam. The final exam is cumulative.

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Policies:

- Our office hours are distributed at different times throughout the week so that each student should be able to make it to at least one office hour. You are always welcome to see any of us.
- All students must attend sections for which they are registered.
- Assignments must be typed. Use unicode fonts as needed.
- If you encounter a scheduling conflict with the examination dates, please notify me by April 13 so that we may arrange an alternative date.
- Regrade requests must be done in writing. Regrades due to clerical (i.e. mathematical) errors will simply be recalculated. Other regrading requests will subject your assignment or exam to undergo complete regrading.
- If you miss class, please do not ask for powerpoint slides. Ask a friend to lend you notes.
- I will only post selected powerpoint slides, not the entirety of each lecture.
- Disruptiveness in lectures and section will not be tolerated and will result in grade reductions. This includes using phones, laptops, or tablets for anything other than course material.
- All students are expected to understand and comply with university policies regarding plagiarism and originality of work. Plagiarized assignments (including copying of a friend’s homework) will receive a grade of 0 and may result in additional disciplinary action.
- All course materials (class lectures and discussions, handouts, examinations, web materials) and the intellectual content of the course itself are protected by United States Federal Copyright Law and the California Civil Code. UC Policy 102.23 expressly prohibits students (and all other persons) from recording lectures or discussions and from distributing or selling course materials without the prior written permission of the instructor (See http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710530/PACAOS-100). Students are permitted to make notes solely for their own private educational use. Exceptions to accommodate students with disabilities may be granted with appropriate documentation.

Getting Help

- University policy dictates that requests for accommodation be initiated by the student. If you need accommodations for exams or have other learning needs that your TA or instructor should be aware of, you may request accommodations by contacting the Disabled Students Program.

  1201 SAASB  
  (805) 893-2668  
  URL: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/dsp

- UCSB has numerous resources to assist students in psychological or emotional distress. If you or someone you know needs assistance, the following services are available to you:

  Student Mental Health Coordination Services  805-893-3030  
  Social Work Services  805-893-3087  
  CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services)  805-893-4411 (avail. 24/7)  
  Building 599  
  http://caps.sa.ucsb.edu/

- Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender is a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, and age. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can seek assistance from UCSB CARE (Campus Advocacy Resources and Education).

  Women's Center, SRB 1220  
  805-893-4613  
  http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/CARE/

- If you feel unsafe and/or a situation requires immediate attention, call Campus Police (911 or 805-893-3446). The campus police force provides UCSB with 24-hour emergency response services for medical, psychiatric, and safety concerns.