

PSY/LIN U464: PSYCHOLOGY OF LANGUAGE

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Readings

Textbook (available in the NU bookstore):

Carroll, D.W. (2004). *Psychology of language* (4th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson. (abbreviated "C" below)

Excerpts (available on reserve in Snell Library):

Jackendoff, R. (1994). *Patterns in the mind*. New York: Basic Books. (abbreviated "J" below)

Coursework

Eight homework assignments: Seven of these (due during the term) will be required, and the eighth (due at the final) will be optional. Each will be short -- your response should be no more than about 1-2 pages -- and is designed to help you check your mastery of the material and to think about the material in the course and situations in which it might apply. They will usually be handed out approximately one week before they are due, and we will discuss them in class when they are due. You can also discuss the questions with your classmates beforehand (this is a good way to learn), but you should write your answers yourself. Homework assignments are graded on a 3-point scale; assignments turned in after the beginning of class lose one point. Assignments will not be accepted after the exam covering the corresponding material.

Three non-cumulative exams (including the final): These will consist of primarily multiple choice questions. The exams will focus on topics covered in class but will also cover some additional material from the readings.

Grading

The homework assignments will be averaged together and will count for 25% of your overall score for the course, and each of the exams will count for 25%. Final grades will be computed from the overall scores on a curve.

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Date	Topic	Reading (pages)	HW Due
W 1/5	Course Mechanics & Overview		
M 1/10	Language Intro, Rules, & Properties	J1, J2; C1, C2	
W 1/12	Psychological Mechanisms	C3 (44-56)	
M 1/17	KING'S BIRTHDAY		
W 1/19	Speech Sounds & Production	J5; C4 (64-73)	#1
M 1/24	Producing Speech	C8 (199-201)	
W 1/26	Perceiving Speech	C4 (74-87)	
M 1/31	Writing & Reading	C4 (87-92)	#2
W 2/2	Words	C5 (98-113)	
M 2/7	Understanding Words	C4 (92-96), C5 (114-123)	#3
W 2/9	EXAM 1		
M 2/14	Comprehending Sentences	J6; C6 (125-135)	
W 2/16	Sentences & Meaning	C6 (135-150)	
M 2/21	PRESIDENT'S DAY		
W 2/23	Meaning & Discourse	C7 (152-170)	#4
2/28 - 3/4	SPRING BREAK		
M 3/7	Discourse	C7 (171-183)	
W 3/9	Conversation	C9	#5
M 3/14	Language Production & Errors	C8	
W 3/16	Sentence Production		
M 3/21	Language Acquisition Basics	C3 (56-61), C10, C12 (310-320)	#6
W 3/23	EXAM 2		
M 3/28	Phonological Acquisition		
W 3/30	NO CLASS		
M 4/4	Word Learning	C12 (320-324)	
W 4/6	Syntax Acquisition	C11 (272-284), C12 (324-335)	
M 4/11	Bilingualism	C11 (298-308)	
W 4/13	Brain & Language	C13	#7
Thurs 4/21	FINAL EXAM (8 AM(!))		#8 (opt)