

Ling 523 Morphology

Spring 2017

Tue 2:00–3:15

Room AL-104

Schedule # 21988

This course offers an introduction to the theoretical principles of word structure. Topics to be covered include inflection, derivation, and compounding; the organization of the lexicon; the structure of inflectional paradigms; morphophonological and morphosyntactic alternations; and computational applications. After successful completion of this course, students will be able to describe and analyze the structure of words and recognize different types of word structure, to apply current theories of word structure to new examples, to recognize the role of morphological data for the construction of linguistic theory, and to understand computational models of word structure.

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Requirements

The final grade will be based on homework assignments (20%), a take-home midterm exam and final exam (25%) each, and a writing assignment (30%). Through the term, there will be occasional homework assignments to practice the techniques learned in class. Working in groups is encouraged, but please include the names of all coworkers on the assignment. The mid-term and final, though, should be done individually.

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Readings

The required textbooks for this course are:

Martin Haspelmath and Andrea D. Sims. 2010. *Understanding Morphology*. Second edition. Hodder Education.

and

William R. Merrifield, Constance M. Nais, Calvin R. Rensch, and Gillian L. Story. 2003. *Laboratory Manual for Morphology and Syntax*. Seventh edition. SIL International.

Additional readings will be made available in class or via the course web page.

Proposed schedule

Week 1–2	Introduction, basic concepts
Week 3	Rules in the lexicon
Week 4	Inflection and derivation
Week 5	Morphological structure (heads, compounding)
Week 6–7	Inflectional paradigms
Week 8	Midterm review and exam
Week 9	Word-based rules (blends, clitics, lexicalism)
Week 10–11	Morphophonology (alternations, level ordering)
Week 12–13	Productivity and frequency
Week 14	Morphological complexity
Week 15	Wrap-up and review