



**Chapter 4****PHONOLOGY: MENTAL ARRANGEMENTS OF SOUNDS**

- Feb. 4 (3) Phonetics (con't.) and Phonology
- Feb. 6 Does French sound romantic? Does German sound harsh?
- Feb. 8 I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.  
Can one language really sound better than another?

**Chapter 2****MORPHOLOGY: WORDS AND THEIR PARTS**

**Reader:** *Acronyms creep into gov-speak draw FLAK* (CR:31-33)  
*2005 additions to the Oxford Dictionary* (CR:63-64)

- Feb. 11 (4) What about antisestablishmentarianism?
- Feb. 13 Is *dis* a real word? What about *dat*?
- Feb. 15 Hey buddy, infix this! Was it inf#!@%kincredible or what?
- Feb. 18 (5) **Test 1: Phonetics & Phonology**
- Feb. 20 **(Morphology, con't)** Happy Unbirthday!
- Feb. 22 What does *unlockable* mean?

**Chapter 5****SYNTAX: THE ORDER OF WORDS IN A SENTENCE.**

**Reader:** Grammar Skill is Easy as a Song for Starling (CR:53b-d)

- Feb. 25-29 (6) No left turn. Left no turn. Turn no left. No turn left.
- Mar. 3-7 (7) When you can't see the forest for the *you-know-whats*

**Chapter 6****SEMANTICS – THE STUDY OF MEANING**

**Reader:** *UV light might color tribes' language* (CR:60-62)  
*How does language color the meanings people assign to experience?* (CR:67- 71).

- Mar. 10-14 (8) Remember when *bad* didn't sometimes mean *good*?  
Does *meat* refer to chicken?
- Mar 17-21 Spring Break! We get sprung for a week!
- Mar. 24-28 (9) **Semantics, con't.**  
**Reader:** *Re-naming the war: it's not just semantics* (CR:71a-b)  
What *do* people mean when they say "It's just semantics?"

- Mar. 31 (10) **Caesar Chavez Day off – and a chance to study for Test #2.**
- Apr. 2 **Test 2: Morphology, Syntax, & Semantics**
- Chapter 9 DISCOURSE ANALYSIS (DA) : CONVERSATION AND ITS RULES**  
**Reader:** *Popspeak* (CR:80-81)  
*Bored on the phone? Beware the Jerk-O-Meter* (CR:82-83)
- Apr. 4 Do you come from a family of overlappers?
- Apr. 7 -11 (11) Do you know anyone who won't let you get a word in edgewise?
- Apr. 14 (12) Discourse Analysis and conversation, con't.
- Chapter 11 (12) REGIONAL AND ETHNIC VARIETIES OF ENGLISH**  
**Reader:** *Talking Wrong* (pp.103-104)  
*The Politics of Correction* (CR:105-109)  
*Five Easy Pieces* (CR:110-115)  
*Ethnic Stereotyping and Judgments of Children's Speech* (CR:98-102)  
*NFHA Discovers Housing Discrimination among Hurricane Survivors*  
*(CR:119-120)*  
*Long Dismissed, Hawaii Pidgin Finds Place in the Classroom* (pp.116-118)
- Apr. 16-18 You the man!
- Apr. 21 (13) African American Vernacular (Variety of) English (AAVE)
- Apr. 23 Dialectology
- Chapter 11 GENDER VARIETIES OF ENGLISH**  
**Reader:** *The Psychology of the Generic Masculine* (CR:92-97)  
*Yo! A New Gender-neutral Pronoun from, of all places, Baltimore!*  
*(CR:97a-c)*  
*Cultural approach to male and female miscommunication* (CR:126-136)  
*Dude, you can't be serious!* (CR:121-122)
- Apr. 25 (13) Regional and ethnic varieties, con't., Intro to Gender Varieties
- Apr. 28 (14) What *she* said and what *he* heard. Is it really an “other planet” thing?
- Apr. 30-May 02 Why *do* men and women (sometimes, often, always) have trouble communicating with each other?

**Chapter 15**

## LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

**Reader:** *Reading your baby's mind* (CR:137-141)

- May 5 (15) How can a child say a sentence she's never heard?
- May 7 Does hearing two languages (or more) at home confuse kids?
- May 9 "I getted it yesterday when we goed shopping. "
- May. 12 **Final Exam. 12:45- 2:45**

## Course requirements:

1. Bring your sense of humor to every class!
2. Also bring your textbook and Course Reader (CR).
3. Textbook and CR readings should be completed prior to that day's class.
4. Class participation, through attendance and discussion, is *essential*.
5. Please don't ask – there are NO make-up tests or assignments.
6. Please find an "email buddy" in the event that you miss a class and need to be brought up to speed.
7. Everyone MUST take the final at the time set by the university.
8. As a courtesy to everyone, please:
  - a. Arrive on time for class
  - b. Turn off your communication devices



"I'm not eating this pasghetti till it stops smoking."

## Grading:

A	93- 100
A-	90 - 92
B+	87 – 89
B	83 - 86
B-	80 - 82
C+	77 - 79
C	73 - 76
C-	70 - 72
D+	67 - 69
D	63 - 66
D-	60 - 62
F	0 - 59

## Grading basis:

Test #1	33.3%
Test #2	33.3%
Final Exam	33.3%