

SYLLABUS

WHERE TO FIND ME

<u>Class</u>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:10 – 11:00
<u>E-mail</u>	flack@linguist.umass.edu (e-mail is the best way to get in touch with me)
<u>Course website</u>	http://people.umass.edu/flack/201
<u>Office</u>	South College 313 South College is the old red brick building next to the library. To get to my office, go in any of the doors on the south side of the building (the same side as the front door of the library) and go up two flights of stairs.
<u>Office hours</u>	Wednesday 11:00 – 12:30, and by appointment. Please feel free to drop by during office hours, or to set up an appointment if you'd like to meet at another time.
<u>Mailbox</u>	In South College 226 (linguistics department office), to the left of the door. To get to the department office, go in the front door of South College (the door next to the bike racks, on the east side of the building, facing the library) and up the stairs; the office is immediately on your left. <u>Important:</u> Leave homework, etc. in my mailbox, <u>not</u> under my office door.

Important dates for this class

Monday, February 19	NO CLASS	Presidents' Day
Wednesday, February 28	Midterm 1	Morphology
Wednesday, April 11	Midterm 2	Syntax
Monday, April 16	NO CLASS	Patriots' Day
(date to be announced later)	Final exam	Phonology

GRADING

50% homework:

10 assignments (see below)
Each will count for 5% of your final grade.

50% exams:

3 exams (see below)
Each will count for 16.7% of your final grade (that is, 1/3 of 50%, or 1/6 of the total grade).

Extra credit:

You may do up to 2 linguistics experiments for extra credit.

You can sign up to do experiments at <http://wwwx.oit.umass.edu/~linguist/esdb/>.
(if you don't want to type all that, find the linguistics department webpage, click on 'Research', and click on 'Experiment Sign-Up' at the right edge of the page)

Each experiment that you do will replace one of your lowest homework grades.

When you do an experiment, you will receive a slip with your name on it from the experimenter. Bring this slip to me; this is how I know to give you extra credit.

Experiments generally last an hour or less; if you do an experiment that lasts 90 minutes or more, you'll receive additional credit. Let me know if your experiment was extra-long.

HOMEWORK

There will be 10 homework assignments; each is worth 5% of your total grade.

Homework is worth half of your total grade in this class, so it's to your advantage to do it. Exam problems will be very similar to homework problems, and so by doing the homework you'll be preparing yourself for the exams.

Homeworks will generally (but not always) be distributed on Friday and due the following Friday.

Homework must be in my hands by the end of the class period when it's due. **No late assignments will be accepted.** E-mailed assignments that show up by class time, or assignments that show up in my box by class time, are fine.

Homework can always be turned in early. You can turn assignments in in class, of course; you can also put them in my mailbox (in South College 226), or send them by e-mail.

If you e-mail work to me you must make sure I receive it. Whenever I receive an e-mail with an assignment from you, I will write right back to let you know I've gotten it. If time goes by and you don't hear from me, there is a good chance that the e-mail gods have eaten your offering before it could reach me. If you think this may have happened, send it again. **Keep a copy** of any work you e-mail to me, so you can send it again if necessary. If I don't ever get your e-mailed assignment, this is ultimately your problem, so be careful!

If you think you might not make it to class – you're not good at alarm clocks, you're feeling a little queasy, your car broke down, you have a huge paper to write for another class, whatever – you can be safe by e-mailing your homework to me before class time, or even the night before. If you turn up in class it will be a delightful surprise; if you don't, we won't have to do the “will you take my homework late” dance.

If your printer only prints in pale pink and yellow stripes until you get a new cartridge – **don't give me pink homework**. Really. E-mail it, or handwrite it, or go to the computer lab. A good test – if you're going to write a little note with a smileyface (☺) apologizing for the appearance of your homework, don't hand it to me.

You're welcome to talk to other students in the class when you're working on the homework; however, **you must write it up on your own, in your own words, using your own examples**. Failure to do so will be considered cheating; please don't cheat (see below on academic honesty).

EXAMS

There will be three exams:

Wednesday, February 28	Midterm 1	Morphology
Wednesday, April 11	Midterm 2	Syntax
(date to be announced later)	Final exam	Phonology

Each exam is worth 16.7% of your total grade – that is, 1/6 of your total class grade, and 1/3 of the 50% that the exams are worth overall.

Everyone in the class will take the exams on the dates announced unless something terrible happens. **If you will need to take the exam at some other time, you need to let me know before the scheduled exam time.**

The in-class portion of each exam will be designed to be do-able during the regular 50-minute class period; the exams may also include take-home sections. **If you need extra time to take an exam, or any other sort of accomodation, let me know ahead of time and that can be arranged.**

You may bring a note sheet to each in-class exam. This should be a single piece of 8.5" x 11" paper, with writing on one or both sides. It can be handwritten or typed, and can have anything in the world that you want on it. The only thing you can't bring is photocopied material from class or printouts from the website. If you make it yourself (you also can't make one and give copies to your friends, or copy your friend's), it can be anything. **You may use anything you like on take-home exams.**

Please don't cheat on exams; see below on academic honesty.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Please don't cheat.

Be aware of university regulations on academic honesty; they can be found at http://www.umass.edu/dean_students/rights/acad_honest.htm and will be enforced in this class. I assume that you are familiar with this policy.

The following things are considered to be cheating:

- Copying all or part of a homework assignment or exam from someone else.
- Copying homework or exam answers from books, the internet, or anywhere else without acknowledging the source, or when the assignment asks for your own work.
- Cribbing or copying during an exam.
- Helping someone else cheat, i.e. providing your work to someone else for copying.

If you cheat on a homework assignment or exam, you will get a zero for that assignment/exam. If you cheat on a subsequent assignment or exam, you will fail the course, and will be reported to the Academic Honesty Board.

Remember, you may discuss homework problems with classmates. You are encouraged to study together for exams. But working together and copying someone else's work are not the same thing. No part of your homework or exam may be identical to another student's. Please don't cheat.

COURSE WEBSITE

<http://people.umass.edu/flack/201>

What's there:

- Class syllabus
- Course note packet
- Class handouts
- Homework assignments
- Homework answer keys
- Write-ups of some of the things we do in class
- Exam study guides

Notice that most of these things will also be handed out in class; if you miss class, or lose things, go first to the website and see if you can get the materials you need there before asking me for them.

COURSE TEXT, AND OTHER REFERENCE MATERIALS

There is no textbook for this class. I'll hand out packets of course notes that you can and should use for reference – they contain lots of basic info about the class material, including lots of definitions, descriptions of what various kinds of rules should look like, etc. Be warned, though, that **reading the book is not a substitute for coming to class regularly**; it's intended only as a supplement to lecture. Not every single thing we do in class is covered in the book, and you are responsible for every single thing we do in class (see below on attendance).

ATTENDANCE

Attendance does not directly count towards your grade in this class. Of course, it's always to your advantage to come to class, if you want to do well – especially because the book doesn't cover everything we do in class.

Finding out what happened in a class that you missed is your responsibility. If you miss class, check the website for things that may have been handed out; it's also a good idea to check with a classmate and get an overview of what happened.

If you need to miss a class when homework is due, get the homework to me by class time some other way.

Contact me immediately if you are on an athletic team or other university activity which will require you to be absent from 5 or more meetings of this class. According to university regulations, this will mean that you are not able to take this course.

If you have unfortunate life circumstances that mean you will need to miss lots of class, let me know as soon as possible and we'll make arrangements accordingly.