

**Ling 70100, Introduction to Theoretical Linguistics**  
Fall 2020, Wednesday 4:15–6:15 PM, Room TBA

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**Ling 73800, Practicum**  
Fall 2020, Monday 4:15–6:15 PM, Room TBA

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### Course Description

An introduction to the intellectual foundations, methods, and motivations of theoretical Linguistics. What kinds of questions do linguists ask? What do some of the answers look like? And why? The course will cover fundamental concepts in the core areas of theoretical Linguistics (Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, and Semantics). A substantial component of the course will be the discussion and demonstration of analytical techniques used in contemporary linguistics and applied to problem sets. A practicum (LING 73800) is attached to this course, taught by a graduate student teaching assistant.

### Course Goals

Students in this course will gain a general understanding of the concerns, methods, and substance of the core subfields of theoretical Linguistics: Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, and Semantics. Students will become familiar with argumentation and analysis in these subfields.

### Learning Objectives

Students in this course will gain familiarity with the terminology, core concepts, central questions, and prominent analytical tools of theoretical linguistic analysis. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to read primary theoretical literature and be prepared to take introductory level courses in linguistic theory.

### Class & Practicum Schedules

Wednesday, 4:15–6:15 PM Room TBA	Monday, 4:15–6:15 PM Room TBA
August 26, Class 1	August 31, Practicum 1
September 2, Class 2	August 7, <b>No practicum</b>
September 9, Class 3	September 14, Practicum 2
September 16, Class 4	September 21, Practicum 3
September 23, Class 5	September 29, Practicum 4
September 30, Class 6	October 5, Practicum 5
October 7, Class 7	October 12, <b>No practicum</b>
October 14, <b>No class</b>	October 14, Practicum 6
October 21, Class 8	October 19, Practicum 7
October 28, Class 9	October 26, Practicum 8
November 4, Class 10	November 2, Practicum 9
November 11, Class 11	November 9, Practicum 10
November 18, Class 12	November 16, Practicum 11
November 25, <b>No class</b>	November 23, Practicum 12
December 2, Class 13	November 30, Practicum 13
December 9, Class 14	December 7, Practicum 14
December 10-11, <i>Reading Period</i>	December 14–18, <i>Examination Period</i>

## **Textbook**

There is no required textbook for this course. All readings and course materials will be posted in the course Dropbox folder.

## **Course Dropbox Folder**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kucnz51q3xezoux/AADJ0QREUHRyc2MQIk0sx11wa?dl=0>

## **Assessment**

- Attendance and class participation 20%
- Homework assignments (x4) 40%
- Exams (x2) 40%