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Syllabus - Teaching Program for the Course

Linguistics Colloquium

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Course Type:	course
Semester:	2026-2027, Semesters A and B
Day & Time:	Tuesday, 2-3:30pm
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Course description and learning goals

Course Abstract

In this course, students develop their research and presentation skills in linguistics by attending the departmental colloquium series, discussing the colloquium talks and assigned readings in separate sessions, and delivering their own presentations.

Learning objectives

The students are expected to develop the following skills:

1. Engaging with current research in linguistics by attending colloquium talks and reading assigned papers.
2. Asking insightful questions during other people's presentations.
3. Giving constructive feedback on other people's presentations.
4. Preparing and delivering their own presentations.

Course structure (subject to change)

TBA. The colloquium talk schedule for each semester will be released shortly before the start of that semester, and the rest of the sessions, including the student presentations, will be planned during the first class meeting.

Final grade

This class is pass/fail. Further details of the grade breakdown and requirements will be discussed in the first class meeting. But the following components will determine your pass/fail grade:

- Attendance
- Comments on readings
- Presentation

Course requirements

Attendance

In-person attendance is mandatory for both colloquium talks and discussion sessions. You can miss two classes without an explanation. Additional absences require documented justification for a passing grade. Attendance is extremely important in this class, as there is no way to catch up on the sessions you miss. Thus, the attendance policy will be strictly enforced.

Plagiarism and AI use policy

Any instance of plagiarism in your comments or presentations will immediately result in you failing this course and will be reported to the administration. Please consult the department's guidelines on what constitutes plagiarism: https://english.biu.ac.il/sites/english/files/shared/what_is_plagiarism_biu_english_literature_and_linguistics.pdf

Any use of generative AI (such as ChatGPT, Gemini, etc.) when reading the papers or writing up the comments or presentations that was not explicitly permitted by the instructor in advance is prohibited and will result in a range of penalties, depending on the severity of the infraction, if discovered (possibly even resulting in the student failing the course and being reported to the administration in some cases). Permissible uses of AI will be discussed in class, as well as in case-by-case discussions with individual students. When in doubt, ask the instructor directly, do not assume.

Prerequisites

None.

Bibliography: Up-to-date reading, viewing, and listening content items

The readings will be recommended by the colloquium speakers and will be made available to the students electronically throughout the course.