Syllabus — Spring, 2016

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Class meets: M, W 2:30–3:45 (Dow Hall 321)
Office hours: Tu 11-12 AM, or by appointment

Course requirements:

1. Six homework assignments (no late homeworks accepted without documented excuse). The lowest homework grade will be dropped in computing final grade. You are on your honor not to try to find solutions to assigned problems in the literature. You may discuss the homework with other students in the class, but you must write up your own solution without help. On each homework, please give the names of any people you worked on it with.

2. Concise description of a fragment of the morphology of some language (prospectus due in class 28 March; final paper due by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, 10 May). This may (but need not) take the form of the presentation of a set of data and comparison of its treatment under a variety of theories (cf. Stewart book below).

Textbooks:


Other material will be made available via the “resources” section of the class web page on Classes*V2.


Schedule (topics and readings subject to adjustment):

Week 1  (Preliminaries)

18 Jan (M): No Class (MLK Holiday)
20 Jan (W): Introduction (Matthews, ch 1)
22 Jan (F): Some basic distinctions (Matthews, ch 2)
Week 2 (Conceptual foundations)

25 Jan (M): The domain of morphology (Booij, pp. 28–35)
27 Jan (W): Morphological units (Aronoff & Fudeman 2011, What is Morphology? ch. 2)

Week 3 (Basic units of morphological analysis: the ‘morpheme’ and beyond)


Week 4 (More on Morphemes)

10 Feb (W): Independence of Morphology (Carstairs-McCarthy (2010), The Evolution of Morphology, ch. 2; Anderson, A-Morphous Morphology ch. 2)

Week 5 (The Distinctness and Complexity of Morphology)

17 Feb (W): No class — SRA away

Week 6 (Inflection)

22 Feb (M): Inflection (Matthews, ch. 3; Booij ch. 5)
24 Feb (W): Inflection, cont. (Booij, ch. 6)

Week 7 (Wortbildung)

29 Feb (M): Word Formation I: Derivation (Matthews, ch. 4; Booij, ch. 3)
2 Mar (W): Word Formation II: Compounding (Matthews, ch. 5; Booij, ch. 4)

Week 8 (‘Syntactic’ Morphology)

7 Mar (M): Grammatical relations (Sadler & Spencer, “Morphology and Argument Structure” in Handbook of Morphology, pp. 206–236; Booij, ch. 8 )
9 Mar (W): Incorporation (Gerdts, “Incorporation” in Handbook of Morphology, pp. 84–100)
12–27 Mar: Spring break, no classes

Week 9 (Morphology-Phonology Interaction I: Morphological Conditioning of Phonology)

30 Mar (W): Analyses (Inkelas, pp. 44–59).
Week 10  (Morphology-Phonology Interaction II: Descriptions of Process Morphology)

4 Apr (M): Examples (Inkelas, pp. 60–76)
6 Apr (W): Analyses (Inkelas, pp. 76–83; Matthews, ch. 7)

Week 11  (Morphology-Phonology Interaction III: Reduplication)

11 Apr (M): Phonology of Reduplication (Inkelas, pp. 114–141)
13 Apr (W): Morphology of Reduplication (Inkelas, pp. 141–164)

Week 12  (Morphology-Phonology Interaction IV: Interleaving)

18 Apr (M): Cyclicity and Lexical Phonology (Inkelas, pp. 189–222; Kaise, “Word-Formation and Phonology” in Handbook of Word-Formation, pp. 34–45)
20 Apr (W): Access to word-internal morphological structure (Inkelas, pp. 227–241; Anderson, A-Morphous Morphology ch. 10)

Week 13  (Morphology-Phonology Interaction V: Derived Environment Effects)

25 Apr (M): Examples (Inkelas, pp. 242–260)
27 Apr (W): Analyses (Inkelas, pp. 260–280)

Reading period: 2–6 May: Reading Period

10 May (Tu): Final paper due by 4:00 PM