

LING 200 Midterm Study Guide

Introduction

linguistics
descriptive vs. prescriptive rules
linguistic competence vs. performance
communication vs. language
design features: discreteness, arbitrariness, cultural transmission, displacement, interchangeability, productivity
examples of animal comm. systems
subfields of linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics

Phonetics

International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)
phonetic transcription
articulatory description (3-part)
active articulator vs. passive articulator
consonants
voicing
place of articulation: bilabial, labiodental, (inter)dental, alveolar, (alveo)palatal, velar, glottal
manner of articulation: stop, fricative, affricate, nasal, liquid (lateral vs. retroflex), glide
sagittal section
oral cavity
nasal cavity
vowels
height: high, mid, low
backness: front, central, back
roundedness: rounded, unrounded
diphthong

Phonology

broad vs. narrow transcription
contrastive vs. noncontrastive
minimal pair
predictability
phoneme
allophone: basic vs. restricted/derived
contrastive distribution
complementary distribution
natural class: obstruent, sonorant, sibilant, labial, consonantal, continuant, etc.
phonological rule

phonotactic constraints
speech errors ('slips of the tongue')
phonological process: assimilation, dissimilation, insertion, deletion, metathesis

Sign Languages

myths vs. facts
iconicity: transparent, translucent, opaque
fingerspelling
primes/parameters: handshape, location, (place of articulation), movement, palm orientation

Morphology

mental lexicon
morpheme
allomorph
affix: prefix, suffix, infix, circumfix
root
stem
content vs. function morpheme
free vs. bound morpheme
derivational vs. inflectional morpheme
morphological analysis
allomorph
morphological process: affixation, compounding, reduplication, alternation, suppletion
analytic vs. synthetic
isolating, agglutinating, fusional, polysynthetic

Syntax

grammaticality
ungrammaticality vs. incomprehensibility
ambiguity: lexical vs. structural
lexical category: noun, verb, adj., adv., prep., det., aux.
phrasal category: S, NP, VP, AP, PP
phrase structure rules
phrase structure trees
head
constituent
recursion
conjunction
constituency tests: substitution, deletion, movement
transitivity: intransitive, transitive, ditransitive