

# Syllabus - 6853: Introduction to Linguistics

March 2

## **Introduction and morphology**

- What is linguistics?
- Morphemes and affixation in English
- Analyzing the morphology of an unfamiliar language

March 9

## **Phonetics: The sounds of English**

- How speech sounds are created
- The sounds of English
- The IPA

March 16

## **Spark**

March 23

## **Phonology**

- What rules govern speech sounds?
- Phonemes and allophones
- Some rules of English (e.g. flapping, aspiration)

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## **Syntax**

- Constituency and constituency tests
- How do we break up sentences?

April 6  
**Semantics**

- How do we assign meaning to sentences?
- Introduction to formal semantics

April 13  
*no class*

April 20  
**Experimental linguistics**

- How do we test for linguistic knowledge
- Some results of experimental linguistics

April 27  
**Descriptivism vs. prescriptivism**

- What is the difference between a dialect and a language?
- descriptivism vs. prescriptivism