

# Introduction to Linguistics – LANE 321

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INTRODUCTORY LECTURE

# Instructor

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# Introduction

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What is linguistics?

## linguistics

/lɪŋˈɡwɪstɪks/

*noun*

the scientific study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics. Specific branches of linguistics include sociolinguistics, dialectology, psycholinguistics, computational linguistics, comparative linguistics, and structural linguistics.



Translations, word origin, and more definitions

# What are we going to study?

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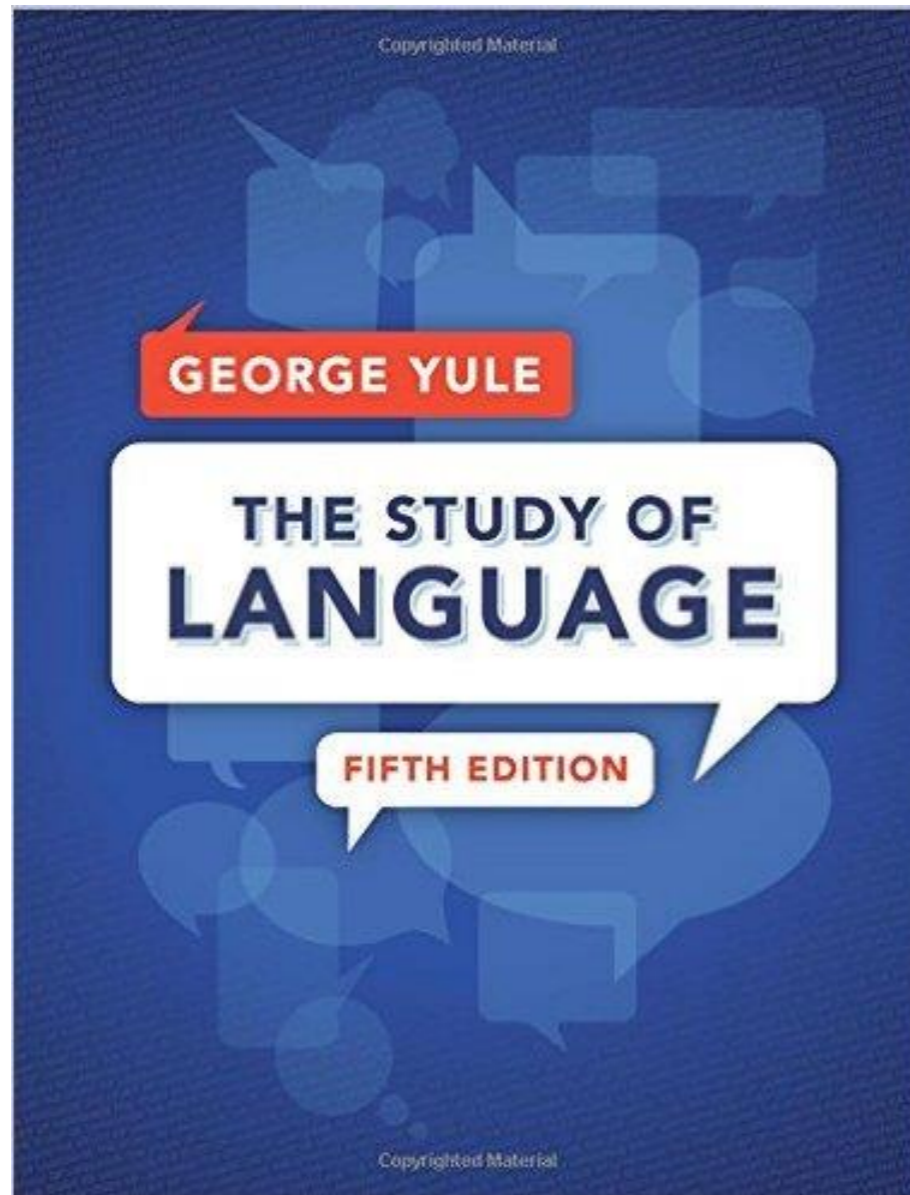
**This course covers the main branches of linguistics:**

- 1- Phonetics
- 2- Phonology
- 3- Morphology
- 4- syntax
- 5- semantics

**We will also discuss how new words are added to the language (word formation processes) and grammatical description**

# Required textbook

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**This is the required textbook for this course:**

**Title:** The Study of Language

**Author:** George Yule

**Publisher:** Cambridge University Press

**Publication date:** 2014

**Edition:** 5<sup>th</sup>

# Supporting powerpoint slides

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- We will use supporting power point slides in the lectures
- You can download the slides from my personal website:

[http://lbalkhair.kau.edu.sa/Default.aspx?Site\\_ID=008831&Lng=AR](http://lbalkhair.kau.edu.sa/Default.aspx?Site_ID=008831&Lng=AR)

# Assessment method

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- 40 marks on course work:
  - 2 mid-term exams, 20 marks each
- 60 marks on a written final exam

# Weekly breakdown

Week	Topic
Week 2	Introduction to the course
Week 3	Phonetics
Week 4	Phonology
Week 5	First mid-term exam
Week 6	Word formation processes
Week 7	Morphology
Week 8	Second mid-term exam
Week 9	Grammar
Week 10	Syntax
Week 11	Semantics
Week 12	general revision
Final Exam	Exact date to be confirmed later



Thank you