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Handout 1: 01/27/2014

Office Hours:

- My office hours are on <u>Thursdays 1pm-3pm</u>, in <u>South College 303</u>. To get to my office, go into the entrance A of South College, up the stairs; all the way to the right till you reach another stairs; up and into the hallway. My office will be on your left and my desk will be 2nd on your right.
- If you need to meet me outside of the office hours, email me yfainlei@linguist.umass.edu to schedule an appointment. In your email, please write your name and your discussion section.
- Don't hesitate to email me and/or come to the office hours if you don't understand something or have any other concern.
- If you need to pass me a note or homework, leave it in my mailbox in the main office and email me about it. The main office is the first door to your left after you've reached the top of the first stairs in South College.

Section Website:

There is a website for discussion sections, where I will post handouts, announcements and short summaries of what happened in the discussion section:

http://blogs.umass.edu/yfainlei/linguistics-101-spring-2014/

Course Website on Moodle:

- All the course material will be posted on the course website on Moodle. There is no textbook. Slides and other materials used in a lecture will be posted shortly after each lecture.
- The Moodle website also contains the five problem sets, a place to upload your essays, the question of the week forum, test #4, your grades and additional information such as the course calendar.
- Please check the website regularly for announcements and updates.

<u>Important</u>: if we need to contact you we will use your university email. Please check it regularly.

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Course Requirements:

- 3 Essays, first can be resubmitted
- 5 Problem Sets
- 4 tests

Policies:

- Tests: tests 1-3 will be held in the discussion sections. Make up tests will be held in South College 301 at 8:30 on Wednesdays after each test. If you can't make to either test, notify me or Peggy **in advance** so alternative date can be arranged.
- Late essays: late essays will be penalized. If you have a legitimate reason for late submission, talk to me so I can waive the penalty.
- Missing a lecture: the slides will be posted on the website; see me if you need to go over the content of the lecture in more detail.
- Extra credit: extra credit component of essay 3 and/or participation in linguistic experiments.

Participation Points:

- Question of the week a discussion forum (on Moodle) that poses an opinion type questions about language. Your answer does not need to be in the form of an essay and is not graded. It does count towards class participation.
- Mardi gras beads If you get them in lecture, keep them and bring them to the last discussion. They count toward class participation. You can also get beads by going up to Peggy or the TAs after class and making a comment.
- Midterm course evaluation.
- Attendance and participation in discussion sections