

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: LALI-141 General Linguistics

Department: Language

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LALI-141	General Linguistics	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	3	LALI-140 The Science of Linguistics
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Language	Lower Division	English

### Course Description

The following topics are covered in the course: Origins and properties of language, Development of Writing, Phonetics, Phonology, Word-formation processes, Discourse Analysis, Language and psycho-physiology, Language Acquisition, Sign Language, Language Varieties (Bilingualism, accent and dialect), Computer Processing of Human Language

### Instructor

Dr. Maria Kogetsidis

### Course Aims and Objectives

This course, following the knowledge gained through LALI-140 "The Science of Linguistics" concentrates on the study of language. After becoming acquainted with the basic notions of linguistics, students are able to discuss them more specifically as well as to address other topics such as Semantics, Pragmatics and Discourse Analysis. Upon completion, the student will be thoroughly grounded in both the internal, formal structure of language and how it functions and is used within social context.

### Teaching Methods

Facilities are available for PowerPoint lecture presentations, VCRs, Online Computers, Computer Labs. Teachers may also use a mix of lectures, tutorials, case studies, student presentations, group work, role play, literature review, analysis of research data, and field visits and have visiting specialists give lectures.

### Course Teaching Hours

3 hours a week over a thirteen week semester.

### Evaluation and Grading

Final exam: 40%  
Midterm: 30%  
Continuous: 30%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbook

Yule, G. (1996) *The study of Language* (2<sup>ed</sup> edition) Cambridge: Cambridge UP

### Recommended Reading

Green G.M. (1989) *Pragmatics and Natural Language Understanding*. Hillsdale, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates

Jackendoff, R. (1983) *Semantics and Cognition*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press

Levinson, S.C. (1983) *Pragmatics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Shopen, T. and Joseph, M.W. (Eds.) (1981) *Style and Variables in English*, Cambridge,: Winthrop Publishers