

# LING150 Section Syllabus

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First off, this class isn't hard.

## What are sections for?

- Clarifying course content and answering *your* questions on the material in an environment less bleak and alienating than the lecture class.
- Guiding you through the semester-long Field Notebook assignment.
- Fruitlessly trying to make the material “important,” “interesting” or “relevant” to your “lives.”

Sections should solidify what concepts you pick up in the Monday and Wednesday lectures. Once we get into the class. You'll also get 10 points for your final grade each time you come here, but you will lose those points if you have an unexcused absence or you might lose some for coming late or failing to participate in our mandatory fun.

**Disclosure:** People who skip Mondays and Wednesdays lose participation points and do worse on assignments. People who skip section fail. If you have to cut corners in this class, don't do it here! Even missing one section might be crucial especially if an assignment is due soon, so you should be sure to ask me or a classmate.

## The Field Notebook/Language Documentation Project

All together, the field notebook and its activities will make about half of your grade in this class. This project isn't something you work on as a whole, but we'll do it in small parts throughout the semester. The assignment is divided into four big parts, which you'll do, get a grade and then revise when you turn the next part in. There will also be preparatory activities.

I'll be supplying you with detailed checklists of all the specific requirements of the assignments, so you don't have to wade through the D2L instructions, so long as you pay attention in section!

## I don't need to have this section because you're adults.

Don't come late. Don't interfere with learning. Don't make fun of classmates. Don't chew loudly. Don't mess around on your Facebook. There's no real reason you should need a laptop here, but if you *have* to have one during class, sit in the back so you don't distract others.

## Other Info

I have two sections, one on **Friday at 11** and another **Wednesday at 2**. If you have to miss your section, you are welcome to attend the other.

**I hold office hours Mondays 4-6 and Wednesdays 3-4 in Communication 304A/D. You can always come without notice if you have any questions about assignments or the class!**