Linguistics 301

REVISED COMPOSITE FINAL STUDY GUIDE

NB: the exam will be open-book and open-notes!!

**Basic linguistic concepts**

derivation(al morphology)  
descriptive (approach to) grammar  
diachrony  
etymology  
inflexion(al morphology)  
lexicon  
linguistic sign  
morphology  
phonetics  
phonology  
polysemy  
prescriptive (approach to) grammar  
segmentation  
semantics  
synchrony  
syntax  
universal grammar

**Other Key Concepts**

arbitrariness of the linguistic sign  
battling misconceptions about change and about language in general  
etymology is not destiny  
evolutive vs. adaptive change  
internal v. external change  
language vs. dialect  
“naturalness”

**Sound Change**

addition  
assimilation  
conditioned sound change  
dissimilation  
loss  
metathesis  
palatalization  
regularity of sound change
syncope
unconditioned sound change
weakening

**Morphological/Lexical Change**

acronym
analogy
back formation
blending
broadening
clipping
coinage
compounding
folk etymology
narrowing
proportional analogy
reanalysis

**Variation**

casual speech
competition model of change
diffusion
dialect (vs. language)
fast speech
hypercorrection
isogloss
jargon
Labov’s model of change
linguistic variable
quantitative sociolinguistics
regional variation
social(ly governed) variation
speech community

**Language Contact**

adaptation
bidialectalism
bilingualism
borrowing
calque
creole
hyperforeignization
interference
language shift
loan translation
nativization
need borrowing
pidgin
prestige borrowing
substratum
superstratum
structural diffusion
koiné

**Language History**

basic vocabulary
chance similarity
cognate (vs. borrowing)
comparative method
(comparative) reconstruction
family tree model
genetic relation / related languages
inherited vocabulary
intermediate proto-language
language family
lineal descent
linguistic palaeontology
onomatopoeia
proto-language
regular sound correspondence
subgrouping (degree of relatedness)
tree diagram
vertical vs. horizontal comparison
wave model

**Writing**

alphabet
cuneiform
decipherment (and its prerequisites)
ideogram
ideographic system
logogram
logographic system
philology
syllabary
development of writing
semantic/phonetic transference
semantic/phonetic indicators