

## **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  
inflection(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  
evolutionary 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