



phonetics and basic phonology (phonetic transcription, contrasting vs. complementary sound differences, phonetic features, natural classes of sounds, phonological rule writing, etc.) and builds on the basic principles of linguistic variation and change taught in LING 320. Students without this background may experience difficulty. Consult the instructor if you have any concerns about your level of preparation.

**Evaluation:** Homework exercises (1 @ 5% + 2 @ 10%) 25%  
Midterm exam 25% Final exam (cumulative) 50%

**Required textbook:** Lyle Campbell. 2013. *Historical Linguistics: An Introduction*, 3rd ed. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. Available free, as an eBook, through McGill Library. See course reserves at:

<https://mcgill.on.worldcat.org/courseReserves/course/id/21303023>

Unfortunately this edition is now out of print. If you prefer a physical book, you can look for a used copy, or purchase the new 4<sup>th</sup>

absence is not sufficiently justified, no accommodation will be offered, but students who were absent for an exam review may ask to see their exams briefly after a subsequent class.

**Policy on grades:** the grades assigned to assignments, papers and exams in this class are **not negotiable**. Students are encouraged to point out mathematical errors in grade calculation and are also w

**Tentative schedule** of lectures, readings, assignments and exams: