Linguistics 110 Syllabus Fall 2004

Flynn, “Syntax”
Obler and Gjelow, Language and the Brain
Pinker, The Language Instinct (TLI)
Pinker, Words and Rules (WR)

September 13: Introduction

September 15: A Framework

Pinker, chapters 1, 2, and 12.

September 17: Mentalese

Pinker, chapter 3

September 20: Syntax, 1

Flynn, “Syntax”, read up to p. 12. Write up all the exercises to hand in.

September 22: Syntax, 2

Flynn, “Syntax”, read up to p. 24. Write up all the exercises to hand in.

September 24: Syntax, 3

Flynn, “Syntax”, finish the pamphlet. Write up all the exercises to hand in.

September 27: Syntax, 4

Pinker, TLI, chapter 4

September 29: Syntax, 5

Lasnik, “Syntax” (on closed reserve). Write up to hand in exercises 1, 5, 8, 10.

October 1: Chomskyan Linguistics

Chomsky, “Rules and Representations” (on closed reserve; see also the “Guide” in the course folder and on the web site.)

October 4: tba

October 6: exam 1
October 8: Phonetics, 1

Fromkin, Rodman, and Hyams, “Phonetics: The Sounds of Language” (on closed reserve)

October 11: Phonetics, 2

Flynn, “Acoustic and Articulatory Phonetics” (in the course folder and on the website)

October 13: Phonetics, 3

Pinker, TLI, chapter 6

October 15: Phonetics 4

Eimas “Speech Perception in Early Infancy” (on closed reserve)

October 18: midterm break

October 20: Acquisition

Pinker, 9

October 22: Motherese

Fernald, “Intonation and communicative intent in mothers’ speech to infants: is the melody the message?” (on closed reserve)
Fernald, et al. “A cross-language study of prosodic modifications in mothers’ and fathers’ speech to preverbal infants” (on closed reserve)
(special guest: our own Sylvia Reed)

October 25: tba

October 27: exam 2

October 29: Motherese and Evolution

Falk, “Prelinguistic evolution in early hominins: whence motherese?” (on closed reserve)
(special guest: Alanna McLeod)
November 1: Brain and Language
   Obler and Gjerlow, chapters 1 – 5.

November 3: more on the brain
   Obler and Gjerlow, chapters 6 – 10.

November 5: Pinker, WR, chapters 1-3

November 8: Pinker, WR, chapters 4-6.

November 10: Pinker, WR, chapters 7-10.

November 12: no class (Flynn out of town)

November 15: tba

November 17: exam 3

November 22: exam period ends. Papers due in Goodsell 101C by 9:00 am November 23.