

## Introduction to The Lexicon (133.1.0261) 2023-2024 (Semester I)

BA 1<sup>st</sup>-year required course, 2 points

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In this course, we examine the basic concepts relevant to analyses of lexical representation and the lexicon-syntax interface (= the connection between what we know about words and the sentences they appear in).

We first examine verb types, verbal arguments, and aspectual classes. We then turn to the ways in which verbs, their arguments, and their aspectual properties interact in various alternations.

*Requirements, grading, etc.:*

Please read Class Rules.

There are **assigned readings**, posted on Moodle. (There is no textbook.)

We recommend that you regularly review the class notes. We are also happy to upload any additional material you request.

Students are expected to read all the assigned material, to *bring any questions and comments to class or email them to us*, and to participate in class discussions.

***Attendance is therefore required.***

There are also several **written assignments**.

It is useful to work on the assignments (as well as the readings) with others. Given this, students are encouraged to submit their work in pairs – that's 2, not 3 or more. (Since you can't do the exam in pairs, please take responsibility for your own assignments!)

If you will be submitting assignments on your own, please check with me.

Assignments will be posted on Wednesday after class and are to be submitted on Moodle by 5pm the following Monday. (Assignments must be submitted in the proper format; see our Moodle site.)

Assignments must be submitted on time.

Grading: Assignments = 20%

Midterm (in class) = 20%

Final (take-home) assignment = 60%

(Students must get a passing grade on the final assignment in order to pass the course.)