

LING9640A: Morphology

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Description

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Course objectives

By the end of this course, a student should be able to

- understand basic concepts of morphology
- see morphological patterns in language data
- apply basic morphological concepts to language data
- understand two different approaches to morphological data
 - Lexicalism
 - Distributed Morphology (morphology is syntax)
- construct analyses for language data using both of these approaches!
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A note on reading primary literature

Class schedule: This schedule is subject to change

TOPIC

READING

ASSIGNMENTS