

Typology I: Languages of the World

Summer Semester 2015

Room: Hörsaal 08, Neue Aula (the prestigious building in the Wilhelmstraße)

Time: Wednesday 12-14 c.t.

Webpage: <http://www.sfs.uni-tuebingen.de/~jdellert/lehre/typology>

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1 Course Schedule

15.04.	Organization (Deniz Cevher)
22.04.	Lecture 01: Languages and Language Families “What is a language? Which are the world’s major language families?”
29.04.	Lecture 02: Methods of Historical Linguistics “How do we determine which languages are related?”
06.05.	Lecture 03: Phonological Typology “Which phoneme inventories are possible, and what is a typical inventory?”
13.05.	Lecture 04: Morphological Typology “How much do languages differ in terms of word structure complexity?”
20.05.	Lecture 05: Linguistic Universals and Word Order “What are universals? Are there connections between word order features?”
03.06.	Lecture 06: Lexical Typology “How much do languages differ in splitting up conceptual space?”
10.06.	Midterm Exam , covering the contents of Lectures 01-05
17.06.	Lecture 07: Case Marking Systems “Which types of case systems for expressing subject and object exist?”
24.06.	Lecture 08: Nominal Categories “How many gender and number categories can nouns in different languages have?”
01.07.	Lecture 09: Verbal Categories “How many tense and aspect categories can a language encode in verb forms?”
08.07.	Lecture 10: Head and Dependent Marking “How can we describe cross-linguistic patterns across constructions?”
15.07.	Lecture 11: Clause Types, Relative Clauses “What are the possible ways of encoding questions and relative clauses?”
22.07.	Final Exam , covering the contents of Lectures 06-11

2 Grading

- weekly homework is not graded (for repetition and exam preparation only)
- midterm and final exam count 50 % each (3 CP)

3 Tutorials

- There will be two tutorials where the homework is discussed:
 - Monday 12-14, starting on May 4, Room 1.13 (English)
 - Monday 14-16, starting on May 4, Room 1.13 (German)
- The only difference between the tutorials is the language they are taught in.
- your tutor: Deniz Cevher

4 Exams

- based on slides and homework
- two questions for each of the relevant sessions
- Questions will be available in English and German.
- Answers can be given in English or German (or any mixture).

5 Registration

- There is no formal course registration.
- A list of participants will be passed around in the sessions before the midterm exam.
Late registration via mail is possible.

6 Access to Slides and Materials

- For legal reasons, I cannot make the slides available to the general public.
- In the first session of the course, participants will be given access data, which can be used to download materials from the course webpage.
- If for some reason, you do not have the access data, ask the tutor.