

Ling 140: Architecture of Conversation: Discourse and Pragmatics

Fall 2017 Schedule

"Take some more tea," the March Hare said to Alice, very earnestly.

"I've had nothing yet," Alice replied in an offended tone: "so I can't take more."

"You mean you can't take less," said the Hatter: "it's very easy to take more than nothing."

The Tenniel Illustrations for Alice In Wonderland Created by Geof Pawlicki & Jim Chamings



Preliminary schedule:

- Schedule is subject to change, so check LATTE
- All chapter references are for our textbook, Birner 2013 "Introduction to Pragmatics"

Week/day	Topic	Readings, assignments
Weeks 0, 1: Aug 31, Sep 5, 7	Introduction: Discourse & pragmatics within linguistics	Chapter 1 Grice 1975 <i>HW1 due Sep 12 3:30pm</i>
Weeks 2-5: Sep 12, 14, 19, 26, 28, Oct 3 <i>Note: no class Sep 21, Oct 5</i>	Conversational implicatures	Chapter 2 Siegel 2005 Optional: Horn 1984 CL option: Potts 2006 <i>HW2 due Oct 3 3:30pm</i>
Weeks 5-8: Oct 3, 10, 11, 17, 19 <i>Note: no class Oct 5, 12 Thursday schedule Oct 11</i>	Speech acts	Chapter 6 Strawson 1964 Searle 1965, 1975 CL option: Ribeiro et al. 2017 <i>Research project (RP) – initial research proposal due Oct 11 3:30pm, extension till Oct 15 12:00noon HW 3 due Oct 26</i>
Weeks 9-10: Oct 24, 26, 31	Reference and presupposition	Chapter 4.1-4.4, Chapter 5 Clark and Wilkes-Gibbs 1986 Stalnaker 1974 Lewis 1979 Optional: Prince 1978 CL option: van der Sandt <i>RP – finalised research proposal due Oct 31 3:30pm</i>
Weeks 10-11: Oct 31, Nov 2, 7, 9	Information status, information structure, discourse functions of syntax	Chapter 7 Prince 1981, 1992, 1993, 1998 Vallduvi and Vilkuina 1998 Birner and Mahootian 1996 <i>RP – annotated bibliography, sample examples, methodology sketch due Nov 7 3:30pm HW4 due Nov 9 3:30pm</i>
Weeks 12-13: Nov 14, 16, 21	Centering theory	Walker et al. 1995 Prince 1998, 2003 DiEugenio 1998 <i>RP – draft of paper due Nov 21 3:30pm HW5 due Nov 28 3:30pm</i>
Week 14: Nov 28, 30	Conventional implicature	Bach 1999 Potts 2006/7
Week 15: Dec 5, 7	Discourse structure	Grosz and Sidner 1986 <i>RP – abstract of paper due Dec 5 3:30pm HW6 due Dec 7 3:30pm</i>
<i>Deadlines after classes end: RP – slides for presentations due Dec 13 6pm, final paper due Dec 15 12pm The above schedule is very ambitious, so we shall see how we do</i>		