

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
ENG 200 – INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS (3CR.)**

**Course Description**

Introduces the scientific study of language. Focuses on brain and language, phonetics, morphology, syntax, syntax, first and second language acquisition, language and society, and language in social contexts. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

This course introduces the primary sub-fields in linguistics to the student.

**Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites**

Prerequisite is ENG 111.

**Course Objectives**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Discuss language myths and facts
- Describe the biological bases of language
- Identify word classes
- Understand the principles of making larger words from smaller words and pieces
- Understand various word-formation processes
- Distinguish between inflectional and derivational morphology
- Understand English phrase structure
- Diagram English sentences with modern syntactic trees
- Explain syntactic errors with linguistic terminology
- Understand structural ambiguity as it relates to syntax
- Understand linguistic meaning at the word and sentence level
- Describe the articulation of consonants and vowels
- Divide words into units of sound
- Transcribe English using the International Phonetic Alphabet
- Describe various phonological processes
- Understand key components of first and second language acquisition
- Describe different English dialects
- Understand the relationship between social contexts and language

**Major Topics to be Covered**

- a) Preview of Language
- b) Brain and Language
- c) Morphology
- d) Syntax
- e) Semantics
- f) Phonetics
- g) Phonology
- h) First Language Acquisition
- i) Second Language Acquisition
- j) Language in social contexts
- k) Other focal points could also include an introduction to historical linguistics and writing and language