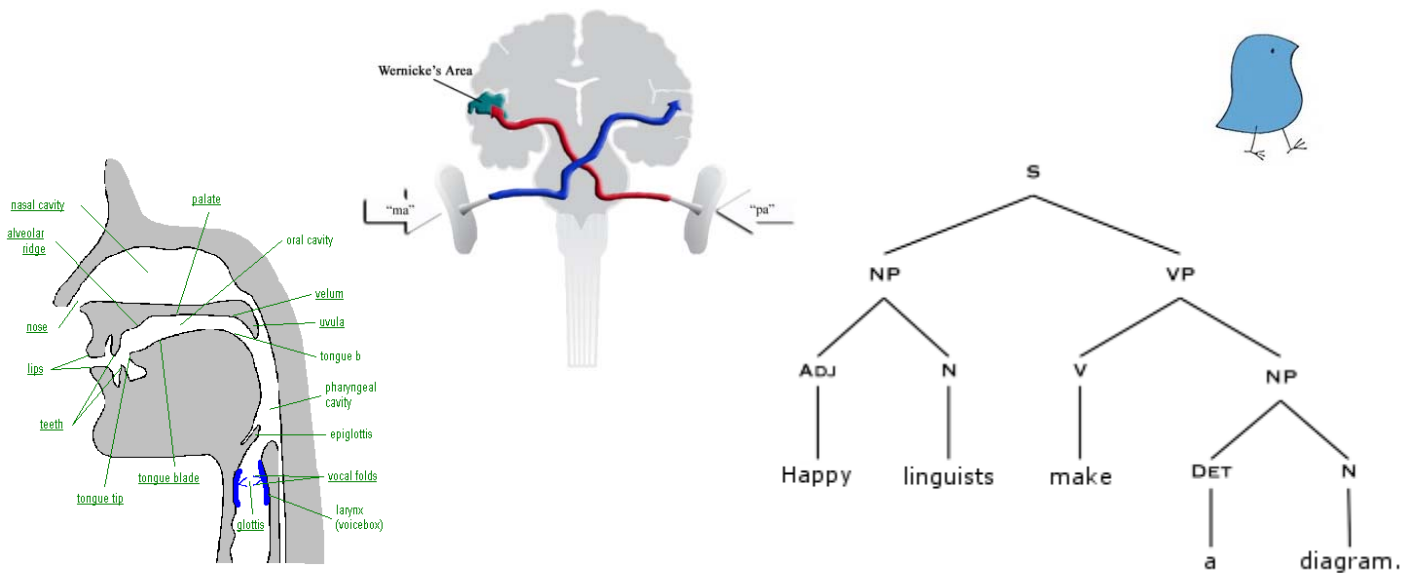


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INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS



COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an introduction to the scientific study of human language. We survey a number of areas which are central to current linguistic theory (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics) and explore interdisciplinary topics such as language acquisition, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, and sociolinguistics. We look at examples and learn to analyze linguistic data from a broad range of languages. The course helps students gain a better understanding of what human language is and how language is acquired. It also provides a firm base for language learning and teaching and further linguistic study.

BY THE END OF THE SEMESTER, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- explain how language differs from all other complex skills.
- transcribe words you hear using the IPA.
- write rules to describe how sounds pattern in a language.
- draw trees to illustrate the structure of words and sentences.
- use linguistic theory to analyze patterns in the speech of children and nonnative speakers.

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