

LING 313 PHONOLOGY AND MORPHOLOGY OF MODERN TURKISH (Fall 2019)

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Course description

The course aims at providing a description and critical analysis of the morphology and phonology of Modern Standard Turkish. We will give an overview of the general picture, but will also analyse selected topics in detail. The course covers word level prosody, word formation processes (conversion, base modification/suppletion, compounding, affixation), and the functions that these map on to (i.e. inflectional and derivational categories), the phonetics, phonemics, and morphophonology of Turkish.

Reading material

Selected pages from the following books

- Erguvanlı-Taylan, E. 2015. *The Phonology and Morphology of Turkish*. Boğaziçi University Press. (Abbreviated as **EET**)
- Göksel, A. & C. Kerslake. 2005. *Turkish, A Comprehensive Grammar*. Routledge (Abbreviated as **G&K**)

Articles

Bağrıaçık, M. 2018. Conversion. *WORD Structure*. 11(2):148-174 [**selected pages**]

Erguvanlı-Taylan, E. 2011. Is there evidence for a voicing rule in Turkish?. In *Puzzles of Language: Essays in Honor of Karl Zimmer*, E. Erguvanlı-Taylan & B. Rona (eds), 71–93. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz. [**selected pages**]

Göksel, A. 2009. Compounds in Turkish, in *Lingue e Linguaggio* 2, 213-236. (Abbreviated as **G19**)

Göksel, A. 2019. Aspects of Turkish Morphology. Ms.

Kabak, B. 2007. Hiatus resolution in Turkish: An underspecification account. *Lingua* 117 (2007) 1378–1411. [**selected pages**]

Nakipoğlu, M. & Üntak, A. 2008. A complete verb lexicon of Turkish based on morphemic analysis. *Turkic Languages* 12, 221-280.

Sezer, E. 1981. On non-final stress in Turkish. *Journal of Turkish Studies*, Ş. Tekin & G. Alpay Tekin (eds.), 61-69. [**background for Bağrıaçık 2018**]

Handouts

These will be distributed before or during class hours.

Course requirements

- Attendance is required. You are expected to do the assigned readings before class and be able to discuss them in class.
- There will be **two** written assignments . Make sure you turn in your assignments on time. The dates are on the syllabus.
- There will be 6 PS sessions.

Assessment

Assignments: 20%

Midterm exam: 35% (**Monday Nov 4th.**)

Final exam: 45%

- The passing grade is 55.
- There will be no E exam.

Schedule

Assignment 1 due: 21 October 2019 (Monday)

Midterm: 4 November 2019 (Monday) **3-5 pm**

Assignment 2 due: 9 December 2019 (Monday)

Week	Dates	Topic	Readings	Assignments, exams
1	Sept. 19	Organizational issues and Introduction		
2	Sept. 23,25-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Word' and its building blocks Word, morpheme, root, stem, base; Bound forms, free forms, iconic stems; • Introduction to word formation processes (WFPs) 	G19 Sect. 1-2.2 EET 103-108	
3	Sept. 30-Oct.2-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word stress • WFP1 Suppletion/base modification (vocative etc. and to be continued Week 12) • WFP2 Conversion 	G&K 26-34; [Sezer 1981 as background] G19 Sect. 3.1 Bağrıaçık 2019 Sect. 3.2-3.3	
4	Oct. 7, 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP2 Conversion cont. • WFP3 Affixation and affix types 		

		Affixes, clitics, affixoids Irregular affixes (aorist, causative, ki) Phrasal affixes	G19 Sect. 3.2-3.3, G&K 109-116 EET 161-165, 183-187	
5	Oct. 14, 16-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFP4 Compounding, doubling, reduplication 	G19 Sect. 6.1-6.2 G&K 98-108 Göksel 2009	Ass1 distributed Th
6	Oct. 21, 23-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derivation: (incl. Acronyms, alphabetisms, blends) 	G&K 52-53 (REF: 53-66) G19 sect. 6.3 Nakipoğlu & Üntak 2008	Ass1 to be turned in M
7	Oct 30-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics in inflection: Person paradigms Uninflectable roots Between inflection and derivation Subordinating suffixes 	G&K (REF: 67-97)*	
8	Nov. 4, 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of infl. and order of infl affixes (fixed and free): Verbal inflection Nominal inflection 	EET 144-147 EET (REF: 130-200)* G&K (REF: 67-97)*, G19 Sect 4.3.1.2, 4.3.1.3 G19 Sect 4.1.3	MIDTERM (Monday 3-5 pm)
9	Nov. 11, 13-14	Overview of morphology and remaining issues		
10	Nov. 18, 20-21	Phonology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulatory description of Turkish speech sounds Distinctive features Consonants 	EET 4-10 EET 43-47 G&K 1-13	
11	Nov 25, 27-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consonants Vowels 	G&K 1-13	
12	Dec. 2, 4-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morphophonological alternations (cf Week 3) (assimilation, epenthesis, vowel modification, etc.) 	EET 52-67, Erguvanlı-Taylan 2011	Ass2 distributed Th

13	Dec. 9, 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vowel Harmony 	G&K 21-26	Ass2 to be turned in M
14	Dec. 16, 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonotactics • Overview of Phonology and remaining issues 	Kabak 2007 Sect. 2.1-2.3, 3	

*These are the sources that you can glance at and use as a guide.