Psycholinguistics and Linguistic Theory

LING257 Spring 2015

- Meets M/W 10–11:45
  - In The Cave (Stevenson Library 102)
- Course instructor: Matt Wagers
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  - Office hours TBD, Thu, 231 Stevenson
- Electronic resources:
  - All referenced here: http://people.ucsc.edu/~mwagers/ling257/
  - You will receive an email invitation to:
    - Mailing list and calendar (@ucsc Google)
    - PDF locker (Mendeley)
- Evaluation based on:
  - 2 presentations
  - A (group) project with an experimental component & 8pp report
  - Attendance at 4 office hour meetings with instructor
- Students with Disabilities:

  If you qualify for classroom accommodations because of a disability, please submit your Accommodation Authorization Letter from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) to me as soon as possible, preferably within the first week of the quarter. Contact DRC by phone at 831–459–2089 or by email at drc@ucsc.edu for more information.

Week 1

March 30 Introduction

April 1
Week 2 Lexical access - activation functions and the accumulation of evidence

April 6


April 8


Week 3 Context in lexical access

April 13

2. Chen, L., & Boland, J. E. (2008). Dominance and context effects on activation of
April 15


Week 4 Mechanisms of context

April 20 Detour: Morphological decomposition


April 22 Rapid lexical prediction


Week 5 Modularity and its discontents
April 27


April 29


Week 6 Boundaries between lexical and syntactic processing

Week 7 Probing the structure of lexical entries

Week 8–10 Dependency formation: memory and prediction

May 25 Holiday