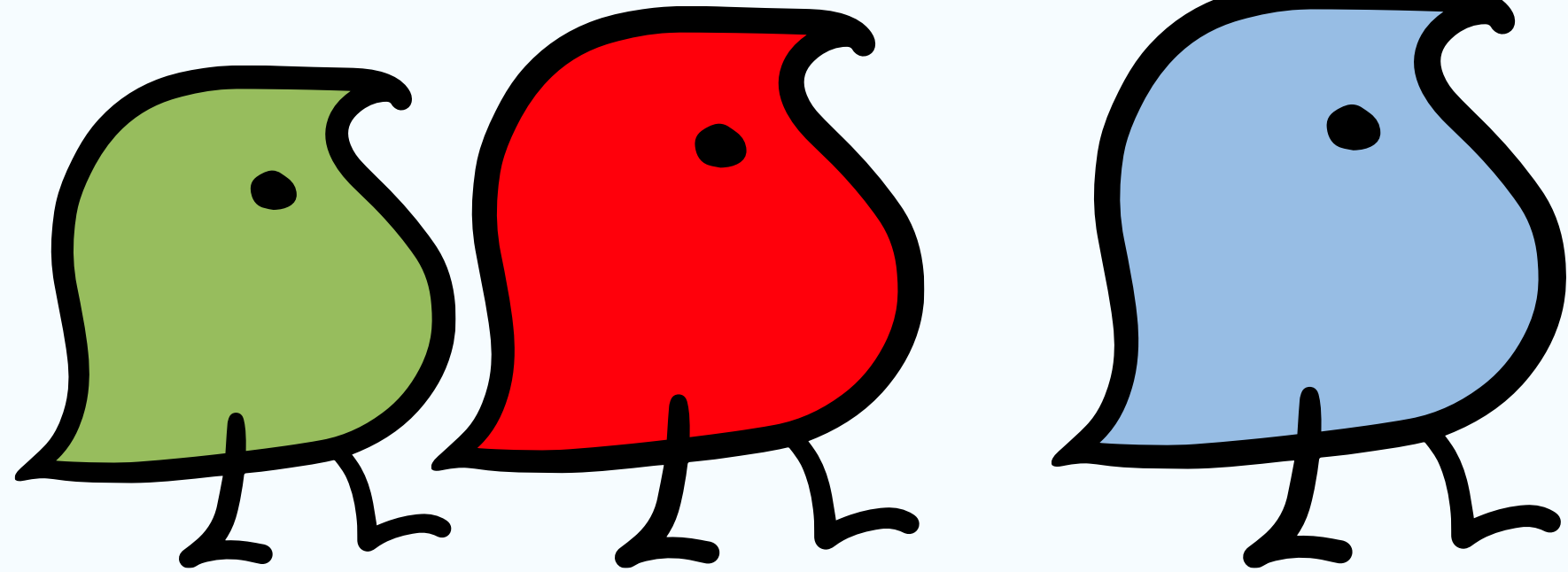




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Preliminaries and how to succeed



PLIN006: Introduction to Language

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- Teaching Assistants: Elisa Mattiauda and Stefano Castiglione
- Admin Team: Linguistics Teaching Office (Stefanie Anyadi)

Module aims

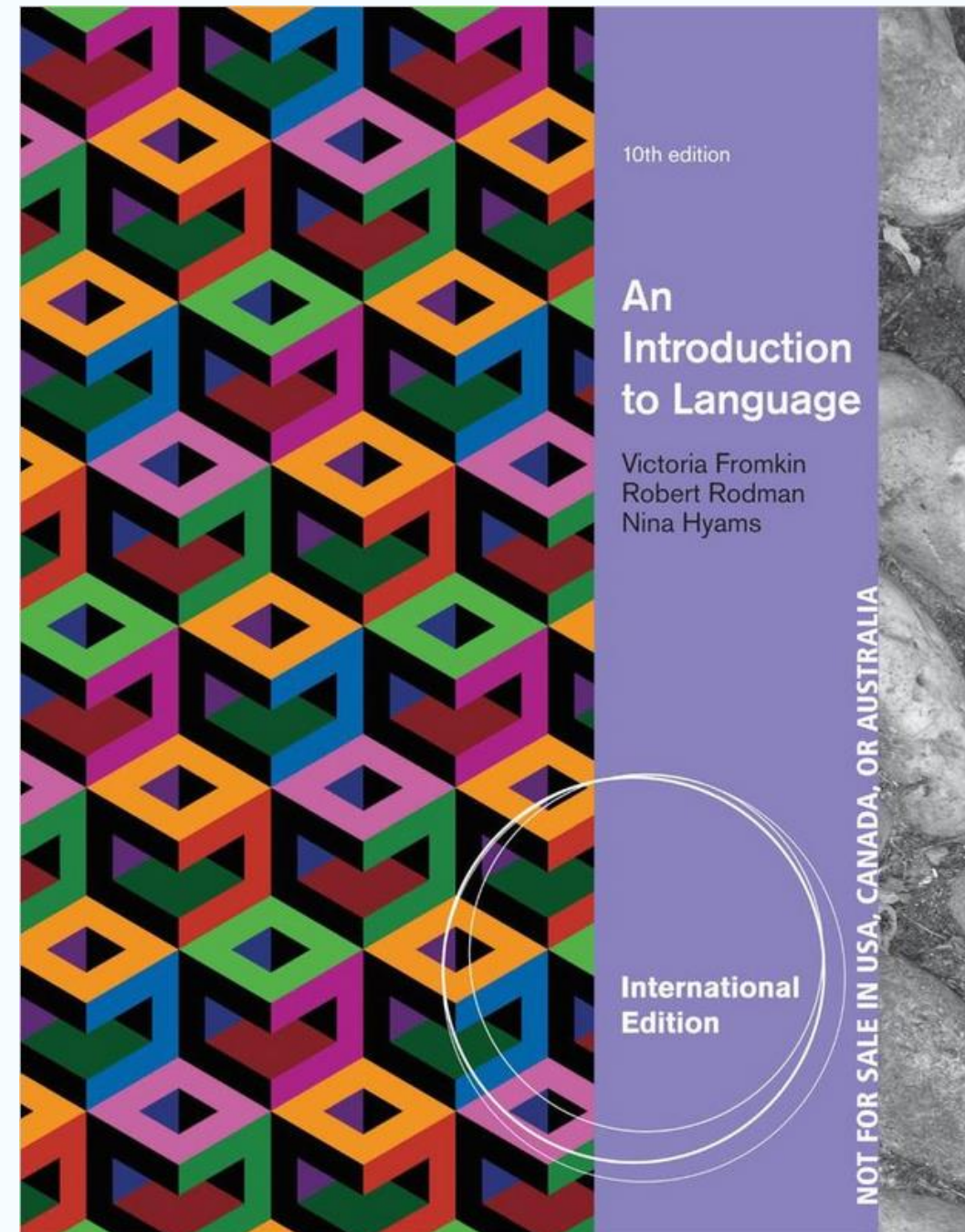
- Introduce you to main areas of linguistics
- Understand application of scientific methodology to language
- Prepare you to take other modules on language/linguistics
- Enable you to access basic literature in the field

Workload

Task	Per Week	Total
Video lectures	1.5 hours	15 hours
Exercises	1 hour	10 hours
Synchronous Q&As	1 hour	10 hours
Synchronous tutorials	1 hour	10 hours
Reading	4 hours	40 hours
Essay / Assessment	---	70 hours
Total	8.5 hours	175 hours

Textbook

- Fromkin, Rodman & Hyams (2014)
An Introduction to Language,
10th Edition (8+ is okay)
- Digital edition available via library
([UCL Explore](#)) to read online or
as a download



Engagement

- You should watch the weekly lecture videos
- You should do the weekly exercises
- You should attend (or review) the weekly tutorials
- You should do your reading in good time
- You are expected to show at least 70% engagement
- If your engagement is <70% you may be barred from the final assessment

Communication policy

- For non-private issues:
 - Speak to your classmates (try the Ling Café)
 - Post to the forum
 - Respond to other's questions on the forum
- For private issues only:
 - Email your lecturer (me)

Formative Assessment

- Weekly quizzes
- Homework from tutorials
- Compulsory mid-term quiz:
 - To be completed during reading week
 - You must achieve at least 70% correct on this
 - You can retake it as many times as you like

Summative Assessment

- Mark based 100% on final essay
- Topics released at start of reading week (9 Nov)
- Pre-submission feedback through peer review
- Deadline for first draft: 6 December 2020
- Peer review deadline: 13 December 2020
- Final submission deadline: 13 January 2021

How to succeed: planning

- It's easy to fall behind and hard to catch up
- Workload often increases toward the end
- Make a schedule for all your modules with weekly commitments and assignment due dates
- If (when) you fall behind, add catch up to your plan

How to succeed: behaviour

- Space your work — don't binge study
- Do your work — don't rely on cruise control
- Ask when you're stuck — don't suffer alone
- Help when you can — it will help you too
- Pursue your interests
- Keep a study log

How to succeed: keeping a study log

- Reflective journal for yourself
- Write one to two pages per week
- What do you write in a study log?
 1. What was the most interesting thing you learned this week
 2. What you struggled with this week
 3. What questions came to your mind this week

How to succeed: preparing for Q&As/tutorials

- Watch videos and do quizzes beforehand
- Write down questions you have
- Write down answers you get
- Don't skip them, even if you don't think you have any questions — you may only realise something wasn't clear later