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1. Introduction

The purpose of these notes is to give you clear instructions on how to format a paper written as part of a linguistics course in this department. They will inform you about the formal requirements of such a paper, especially with regard to sections, quotations and references. For your convenience, the format adopted for these notes reflects the one required for your paper (cf. the format of the headings, text or footnotes, for example).

Apart from the formal criteria, there are a number of additional aspects of academic writing you should consider when writing papers in linguistics. You should try to write in a readable and accessible style, and make sure that your arguments are expressed coherently and concisely. Additional information on various aspects of academic writing is available in several books in the library (shelf mark SUY-65) and also, for example, on the websites www.uefap.co.uk (Gillett 2013) and http://owl.english.purdue.edu/ (The Purdue Online Writing Lab 1995-2011). See also Cite them right (Pears & Shields 2013) for detailed information about referencing and avoiding plagiarism.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Basic features

You should use A4 paper and print on one side only. Make sure you use sensible margins. About 2 to 3 cm is an acceptable average for both the left and right margins; this style sheet uses 2 cm all around, for example.1 To make the paper easier to read, use a line spacing of 1.5 (as in this text). However, footnotes, long quotations, tables and the references should be single spaced. The main body of the text should be left justified or fully justified. Use a common, legible font type e.g. Times New Roman (the font used here), or Cambria, and font size 12.2 Finally, all pages should be consecutively numbered, beginning with the page which carries the introduction (i.e. not counting the title page, table of contents or any lists of abbreviations, etc.). The sections of the paper should be arranged in the following order: title page, table of contents, lists (if applicable), main text, references, appendix (if applicable). Your paper may follow British or American English spelling and grammar conventions. However, once you have made your choice, set your spell check for either British or American English, and use it consistently. If you discover any minor errors after printing, correct them neatly in ink.

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1 For MA/diploma theses and dissertations, remember to use double-page printouts and to leave a wider margin on the left/right for binding. Concerning the layout of the title page and for further guidelines, refer to the SSC of the Faculty of Philological and Cultural Sciences (Philologisch-Kulturwissenschaftliches StudienServiceCenter).

2 Please use a 10 point font for footnotes.
The length of your paper will normally be prescribed by the lecturer. Use the word count function on your computer to check that the main body of your paper (introduction to conclusion) is neither too long nor too short, and that the various sections are of an appropriate length. For PS, SE and BA papers, you should indicate the word count between the conclusion and the references.

2.2. Title page

The title page should contain basic information about the (pro)seminar (title of the course, semester (e.g. WS 2013/14), group number and name of lecturer) as well as your full name, ‘Matrikelnummer’ and e-mail address, your ‘Studienkennzahl/en’ and the programme you are in (BA, MA, Lehramt, etc.). The title of the paper is usually printed in a large font size (30-36) and may be fully centred (see, for example, the title page of these notes).

2.3. Table of contents

The table of contents appears after the title page and before any lists of abbreviations etc. This page should carry the title ‘Table of contents’ at the top. Leave some space under the heading and then begin to list the contents: section titles on the left, the pages on which the sections begin on the right. The references and any appendices should also be listed here. Most word processing programs can generate the table of contents automatically.³

3. Features of the actual paper

3.1. Paragraphing

On the whole, the rule ‘one idea, one paragraph’ is worth sticking to. Most paragraphs will be 1/3 to 2/3 of a page in length; anything much shorter or much longer should be avoided. It should be clear to you (and the reader) how each sentence contributes to the point of the paragraph which it belongs to and how each paragraph contributes to the line of argument in your paper.

There are two methods of indicating that a new paragraph has begun. In the first case, the first line of a new paragraph is indented by 1 cm.

³ The Table of contents page of these notes demonstrates the layout for a paper which includes lists of abbreviations, figures and tables. These lists appear on pages assigned small Roman numerals.
In the second case, the indentation is omitted; instead, the spacing after a paragraph should be 6 pt larger than normal:

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Note that text beginning new sections or following long quotations, examples, figures, tables or images etc. is not indented. The latter is because long quotations, etc. must be followed by some explanatory text and not by a new paragraph.

3.2. Sectioning

To help organize your work, it is worth dividing it up into explicitly marked sections. This helps to make it obvious for the reader what you are dealing with at any moment in time and gives a very clear overall structure to your work. Sections are numbered, beginning with 1., which is normally the introduction. If you deem it necessary, any section can have sub-sections (e.g. 1.1.) and even sub-sub-sections (e.g. 1.1.1.). However, sub-(sub-)sections are only useful if you are planning to deal with at least two aspects; i.e. only have a sub-section 1.1. if you are also going to have a sub-section 1.2..

Each sub-(sub-)section focuses on a specific aspect of the topic indicated by the section title. In titles and headings, you should capitalize only the first letter of the first word and any other words that are normally capitalized in English (e.g. proper nouns). For an example of sectioning, look closely at these notes. They have been set out according to the above principles.

Do not leave large gaps between sections: there is no need to put each new section on a new page, for example. Avoid section titles at the bottom of a page when the rest of the section is on the next page.

3.3. Citations and quotations

In the text, the details of the literature referred to are not indicated in full and are not indicated in a footnote. Instead, three pieces of information are given in brackets after the relevant passage: (Author’s surname Year of publication: Relevant page/s), e.g. (Channel 1988: 83-85). If an

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4 The same applies, naturally, to the table of contents and captions for figures and tables, etc.
5 Note that the page numbers given here only pertain to the passage of an article or a book to which reference is actually made, not to the entire work. Avoid global references such as (Chomsky 1965).
As Channel (1988: 83) points out, there is still much to learn about how vocabulary is learned in a second language.

Use initials or first names in the running text only when you need to distinguish two or more authors with identical last names.

Citations of books or articles by more than one author take the form (Fischer & Drescher 1996: 854) or (Jucker, Fritz & Lebsanft 1999: 38). When a citation refers to a work consisting of more than one volume, the form (Kühlwein 1970, 1: 210) is used. Reprint editions are cited as follows: (Blom & Gumperz 1986 [1972]: 66).

When citing internet sources, the name of the author(s), the year of publication, if available, and the page numbers, if available, should be indicated. If no author is given, use the name of the organization, group or business, or the title of the web page, or, failing that, the web page’s URL.

Try to avoid citing/paraphrasing text indirectly via another source containing this citation. If it is impossible to avoid, these citations take the form (Horn 1954: 694, quoted in/referred to in/cited in Fischer 1998: 39). In this case, both sources must be in the list of references.

Indirect quotations or paraphrases present the ideas or arguments of an author in your own words without quotation marks. In this case, it is extremely important that you add the source from which you gained the information in brackets as there is no other indication that the ideas are not your own, which would be a clear case of plagiarism. Both the start and the end of the paraphrased text should be clearly indicated, e.g.:

- Based on these assumptions, Andersen devised a diachronic model in which the development from lexical item to pragmatic marker is presented as a three-stage process (Andersen 2001: 57).
- In order to account for variable meaning, three different approaches have been suggested: the homonymy or maximalist, the monosemy or minimalistic, and the polysemy approach (Mosegaard Hansen 1998: 239).

Verbatim (i.e. word-for-word) quotations can be integrated in two basic formats: if the quote is quite short (less than three full lines), it is included in the main body of the text and enclosed within double quotation marks, e.g.:

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6 In running text and is used instead of <&>, as illustrated in the Rayner and Pollatsek quote on page 6.
7 A reprint refers to material that has been re-published in an identical form to the original, without alterations. This is not the same as a second, or subsequent, edition, which tells us that the previous edition has been editorially revised or updated. Give the year of reprinting first, followed by the original year of publication in square brackets [    ].
A reformulation of Alderson’s (1984) question by Bernhardt and Kamil (1995: 15) stresses the interaction between the two abilities/knowledge sources, asking “How L1 literate does a second language reader have to be to make the second language knowledge work? How much second language knowledge does a second language reader have to have in order to make the L1 literacy knowledge work?”.

If the quote is longer, it is presented as a separate paragraph indented by 1 cm from the left and right margin, the line spacing for the quote is single, and the quote is not enclosed in quotation marks, e.g.:

Among other things, Bakhtin (1986 [1952-53]: 95-96) develops the idea of the inherent dialogicality of language:

> When constructing my utterance, I try to actively determine [the listener’s] response. […] When speaking I always take into account the apperceptive background of the addressee’s perception of my speech […] because all this will determine his active responsive understanding of my utterance.

Thus, Bakhtin describes the mechanism behind a speaker’s design of an utterance (including choice of language variety) as a ‘dialogue’ with a listener’s projected responses to the utterance.

All direct quotations should follow the original text exactly in wording, spelling and punctuation. As already shown above in the Bakhtin quotation, any additions or changes that you make should be indicated by square brackets [ ]. See, also, the example below where this, contrary to the original text, is spelt with a lowercase <t>. Indicate omissions by ellipsis points in square brackets: […]. If you should spot mistakes (e.g. typos) in the original text, you may add Latin [sic] in square brackets after the flawed construction in question, e.g.:

- According to Yule (1996: 19), “[t]his assumption may lead us to think that a name or proper noun […] can only be used to identify one specific person”.
- “She wanted to wear her roommates’ [sic] baby-blue cotton sweater” (Gibbs 1994: 356).

If you use quotations from languages other than English in the text, give the quote in the original language first and enclose the translation in square brackets, like in the following example taken from Illés (2001: 76):
Ahlqvist (1994: 31) examining Irish spelling states that [b]aineann nósanna scríofa an tséimhithe go dlúth le nósanna scríofa na Laidine. Bhí h i ndiaidh c, p, agus t nádúrtha go maith, tosca na cairn chonsan sin a bheith coitianta sa Laidin […] ach ó tharla gan a leithéid de litéirí agus gh, bh, dh, agus mh a bheith sa teanga sin ar chor ar bith, cloiódh le b, d, g, m = /v, ð, ◊, v/ de réir chóras Laidin na Breataine [the means of writing lenition is closely related to the writing habits of Latin. H after c, p, and t was natural enough, on account of those consonant clusters being common in Latin […] but since spellings like gh, bh, dh, and mh happened not to be existent in that language at all, b, d, g, m = /v, ð, ◊, v/ was adhered to, according to the system of British Latin].

During the Middle Irish period, mainly, the insertion of <h> after the consonant gradually became the general means of marking lenition, whereas nasalised consonants in spelling tended to be preceded by their voiced counterparts (and mutational offspring) in accordance with <g> > <ng>.

Even if you refer to the same source more than once within a short passage, you must always ensure that it is clear how much text is being referred to from that source and that full information can be retrieved from your references, e.g.:

Based on their reviews of other psychologists’ research, Rayner and Pollatsek (1989: 471) suggest a “(temporary) working model” of reading which is primarily bottom up but allows for some interaction with top-down processes. Initial bottom-up processing (lexical access) is regulated by three factors: eye movements, processing activities up to word level and the different types of memory. Once the meaning of a word has been accessed, the reader’s attention shifts to the next word and an “ongoing text representation” (Rayner & Pollatsek 1989: 474) is created acoustically in working memory with the help of inner speech.

3.4. Footnotes

Footnotes are not used to indicate the source of citations (these are included in the running text; see section 3.3.). Use footnotes only when referring to further discussions of a topic, for example, or to include extra information. Number them consecutively throughout the text and make sure that all punctuation marks as well as closing parentheses precede note numbers in the text.8

3.5. Punctuation, font conventions and abbreviations

Use “double quotation marks” for direct quotations; use ‘single quotation’ marks for glosses, definitions, ‘qualified’ words or phrases, and for quotations within quotations. Observe carefully how quotation marks are combined with other punctuation marks. Question marks and exclamation marks which are part of the quoted material, for example, go within the quotation marks, while

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8 For further information on footnotes, see also section 2.1. of this style sheet.
commas, semicolons, colons and full stops follow the closing quotation mark, also when the title of an article/a contribution to a book is quoted (see also section 3.3. or section 6.), e.g.:

- The German word *Tisch* means ‘table’ not ‘chair’.
- Consequently, the text type drama has been described as “a stereotypically ‘oral’ register” (Biber & Finegan 1997: 260).
- In a sentence like *Where is he?*, the pronoun *he* …
- Urquhart and Weir (1998: 18) believe that reading is a “language activity, involving at some time or another all the cognitive processes related to language performance”.
- In her article “The semantic status of discourse markers”, Mosegaard Hansen (1998: 235) says …

**Use italics** if you cite a word, phrase or sentence as a linguistic **example** or as the object of discussion; do not use quotation marks for this purpose. (Note that linguistic examples which are separated from the body of the text have to be numbered and are no longer in italics; see section 3.6.). Cited forms in a foreign language should be followed (at least when they first occur) by a gloss in single quotation marks, e.g.:

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<tr>
<th>Lat. ovis ‘sheep’, equus ‘horse’ and canis ‘dog’ are nouns.</th>
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If you want to emphasize a word in a quotation, italicize it and add [my emphasis]. If the author him/herself emphasized a word in the original text, use the same formatting and add [original emphasis], e.g.:

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<th>− Nation (2001: 320) argues that “[t]he main advantage of chunking is reduced processing time” [my emphasis].</th>
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<td>− As Urquhart and Weir (1998: 44) point out, “while all readers use context, good readers are less dependent on it than poor ones” [original emphasis].</td>
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</table>

If you insist on indicating emphasis in your own text, do this by using language wherever possible, rather than typographic features. If it has to be done typographically, please do not use italics but **bold** type.

**Phonetic transcription** should be placed between square brackets [ ] in IPA symbols. Phonemic examples should be placed between slashes / /, e.g.:

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<th>There are two allophones of the English phoneme /l/: [I] and [I].</th>
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If your computer does not have IPA fonts, insert special (e.g. phonetic or phonemic) symbols and other special characters on the printout in ink, by hand. Make sure you draw diacritics over and under the letters in the exact position they are meant to occupy.

Orthographic symbols are framed by angle brackets:

| The letter <t> was omitted when … |

Avoid using too many abbreviations; they often pose severe problems for readers not completely familiar with the language of a text. Where more than one abbreviation is acceptable, select one and use it consistently throughout the text. The first time an abbreviation is used, it should appear in conjunction with the term written out in full. It might also be useful to provide a list of them (after the table of contents), particularly in a longer text. Abbreviations ending in a small letter have a full stop following them (e.g. OFr., Gk., Lat.), those ending in a capital letter do not (e.g. MHG, OCS, OE). Here are some abbreviations which are frequently used in linguistics:

| e.g. | Any section can have sub-sections (e.g. 1.1.). |
| i.e. | Begin your list of references on a new page (i.e. the one after your conclusion). |
| s.v. | For spill the beans see Collins Cobuild English Dictionary (Sinclair 1995: s.v. bean). |

(s.v. comes from Lat. sub voce or sub verbo and means ‘under the given word or heading’.)

3.6. Examples, tables and figures

All linguistic examples must be consecutively numbered in the text; do not start numbering your examples anew with each new heading or subheading. Unlike linguistic examples in the running text (cf. section 3.5.), these numbered examples are not given in italics. However, if you refer to them again within your text, do so in italics, e.g.:

| The following are examples of the phenomenon of inversion: locative inversion in the case of (1) and inversion after a restrictive word in a formal or literary style in the case of (2): |
| (1) a. Down the hill rolled the baby carriage.  
  b. Out of the house strolled my mother’s best friend. |
| (2) Hardly had he stepped outside when it started to rain. |

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Considering an example like Down the hill rolled the baby carriage, …

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9 The most common IPA transcription symbols are available in the font type ‘Lucida Sans Unicode’, which is included in Microsoft Word. Many linguists also use a Unicode IPA font that is available for free at SIL International (2013). Note, however, that university computers do not have this font installed; for printing from these computers, you will thus need to use a pdf of your document.
If you include **tables** in your paper, label them ‘Table’, and give them an Arabic numeral and an informative heading, capitalized as you would a title, in 10 pt bold **(above** the table). Other material such as photographs, images, charts and line drawings should be labelled ‘Figure’ (Fig.) and be properly numbered and captioned as well **(below** the figure).

Take care to refer to **all** examples, tables and figures in the text. Begin by stating what the example or table is meant to illustrate so that the reader knows what to look for. Then insert the example or table and explain what it means. Conclude your presentation by briefly restating what it is meant to show. In other words, a new paragraph should never begin immediately following an example or table. Any tables and figures should be listed at the beginning of your paper, after the table of contents (see also sections 2.3 and 3.2.).

For illustration, Figure 1 below shows the distribution of the different forms as found in the *New York Times*:

![Figure 1 Distribution of the forms good, better and best in the New York Times](image)

[Explanation] As Figure 1 clearly shows, good has the highest percentage in the dataset from 2002.

### 3.7. Plagiarism

Plagiarism (i.e. using another author’s or student’s ideas or phrasing and representing them as your own without acknowledging it, but also reusing your own text without indicating this) is a serious offence with legal consequences. As a member of the University of Vienna’s scientific community, you must respect and obey the academic code of conduct as published in the *Mitteilungsblatt* (Universität Wien 2006). See also the explanations given by the *Studienpräses der Universität Wien* concerning “Sicherung der guten wissenschaftlichen Praxis”. Consult your lecturer in case of doubt.

### 4. Format of references

The references at the end of your paper give full citation details of the literature referred to in the text. Make sure that your list of references comprises all of the books/articles/etc. referred to in the running text and vice versa! Always begin your list of references on a new page, directly after your
conclusion. The references are ordered alphabetically and chronologically, if there is more than one work by the same author. Monographs appear before edited works by the same author and/or co-author(s); cf. the entries for Jucker in the end-of-text references of this style sheet. First names should be written out in full, i.e. try to avoid initials if possible, which may even involve some online research in order to find the author’s first name in full. References are single spaced and left justified only; if they stretch over more than one line, subsequent lines should be indented by 1 cm, as illustrated in this style sheet.

4.1. Books

You must give five pieces of information: Author/Editor, Year of publication, Title, Place of publication and Publisher. The author’s/editor’s surname is always the first piece of information and is followed by the author’s/editor’s first name written out in full. Second names, if given, should be initialized. Surnames with particles like van/von are listed under the capitalized name, cf. Langenhove and Harré (1999) in the end-of-text references. Sometimes you will need to refer to institutional authors, such as the EU, Council of Europe, OECD, etc. Next, the year of publication is indicated. If a work has not been published yet, use ‘In press’ or ‘Forthcoming’.

The title must be written in *italics* and information on the edition used should be given in brackets after the title (if applicable). If you include a subtitle, separate it from the title by a colon. Note that titles in languages other than English should be translated into English, with the translation following the original title in square brackets. The first word of the title and any words normally capitalized in English have capital letters.

In connection with the place of publication and publisher, only the first place of publication is given. Towns in the USA are followed by the abbreviation of the state, i.e. Cambridge, MA (USPS 2013). Shorten the publisher’s name by omitting articles and descriptive words such as House, Publishers, Ltd., etc..

**Author’s/Editor’s surname, Author’s/Editor’s first name (ed. [if applicable]). Year. Title. (edition [if applicable]). Place of publication: Publisher.**

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10 If titles of books/articles are mentioned in the main body of your text, which is occasionally the case, use the same formatting as for the references, i.e. italics for the title of a book and quotation marks for the title of an article.

11 This is only necessary for second and subsequent editions and not for subsequent impressions and reprints.
If there is more than one author/editor, use the order given on the cover of the book, which may or may not be alphabetical, and separate them by a semicolon:

**Author’s surname, Author’s first name[; 2nd author’s surname, 2nd author’s first name]. Year. Title. (edition [if applicable]). Place of publication: Publisher.**

**Editor’s surname, Editor’s first name[; 2nd editor’s surname, 2nd editor’s first name] (eds.). Year. Title. (edition [if applicable]). Place of publication: Publisher.**

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<td>Bloom, Benjamin; Engelhart, Max; Furst, Edward; Hill, Walker; Krathwohl, David.</td>
<td><em>Taxonomy of educational objectives: cognitive domain.</em> New York, NY: David McKay.</td>
<td>1956</td>
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<td>Cameron, Lynne; Low, Graham (eds.).</td>
<td><em>Researching and applying metaphor.</em> Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</td>
<td>1999</td>
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<td>Jucker, Andreas H.; Fritz, Gerd; Lebsanft, Franz (eds.).</td>
<td><em>Historical dialogue analysis.</em> Amsterdam: Benjamins.</td>
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<td>Nevalainen, Terttu; Raumolin-Brunberg, Helena (eds.).</td>
<td><em>Sociolinguistics and language history. Studies based on the Corpus of Early English Correspondence.</em> Amsterdam: Rodopi.</td>
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For four or more authors, list all of the authors in the reference and use *et al.* in the main body of your text, e.g. (Bloom *et al.* 1956). If someone published more than one work in one year, order the books alphabetically according to title and add a letter to the year, starting with <a>:

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BA, Diploma, MA and PhD theses are referred to as follows:

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Special cases include, for example, books which were translated or which were published posthumously (e.g. Austin), as well as books for which it is important to indicate the date of first publication in square brackets [   ], after the date of the edition used:

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12 Note that when a published source which would normally be written in italics (e.g. a corpus) is mentioned in the title, it is not written in italics in this particular case.

13 In this case, you should cite these references accordingly in the text, i.e. as (Minsky 1998a: 2) and (Minsky 1988b: 5).
4.2. Articles

4.2.1. Articles in journals (including reviews)

In contrast to book/article titles, the titles of journals are capitalized. List the information as follows:

Author’s surname, author’s first name; 2nd author’s surname, 2nd author’s first name. Year. “Title”. Journal/Periodical Volume number(Issue number), Page/s.


4.2.2. Articles/chapters in books

List the following information in the following manner:

Author’s surname, author’s first name; 2nd author’s surname, 2nd author’s first name. Year. “Title”. In Editor’s surname, editor’s first name; 2nd editor’s surname, 2nd editor’s first name (ed/s.). Book Title. Volume [if applicable]. Place of publication: Publisher, Page/s.


4.2.3. Articles in newspapers and non-academic print sources

If the author is not given, use the title of the publication as the reference.

Author’s surname, author’s first name; 2nd author’s surname, 2nd author’s first name. Year. “Title”. Newspaper/Magazine, Date/Month, Page/s.


The Observer. 2013. “For our children’s sake the social worker’s role must be reinvented”. 6 Oct., 44.
4.3. Corpora

Corpus compilers usually indicate how they want a corpus to be cited in the handbook published with the corpus or on their webpage, like, for example, the Vienna-Oxford International Corpus of English. In general, cite corpora by their established abbreviations, in this case VOICE.

Citing VOICE:

[...]

Recommended Citation for VOICE Online
Version VOICE 2.0 Online
(for research based on VOICE Online after January 2013)

[...]

Short citations
Alternatively, the short citations indicated below can be used (for VOICE XML and VOICE Online, select the applicable year and version number):

[...]  
VOICE Online

If no official guidelines are available, try to provide as many details as possible, like in the following example:


4.4. Electronic resources

Bibliographic listings of internet and electronic sources essentially follow the (near) equivalent format for print sources, with online sources additionally including the access path (URL) and date of access (the longer months may be abbreviated to three letters).

Below you will find some of the more common types of primary and secondary sources you might want to refer to in a linguistics paper but it is impossible to list them all. If you are not sure how to format a reference, you may first want to examine a more extensive style sheet for a similar source, for example the APA style sheet (American Psychological Association 2009) and ‘translate’ the formatting information there into a format which (closely) matches the conventions given here.
It is important to distinguish between true online sources, i.e. contents posted on a website that might be updated, changed or removed, and publications that are available in identical form in print and online. References to articles published in peer-reviewed journals which are not found exclusively online do not include the access path and date of access even when they have been accessed online, e.g. via databases. Only if there are differences between the online and print version or if the work is only available online should the access path and date of access be included.

4.4.1. The Internet

For obvious reasons, you should treat much information from the internet with caution. To reference sources available on the WWW, follow the nearest equivalent format for print sources, plus URL and date of access. When citing internet sources in the running text for which no author is available (cf. section 3.3), use exactly the same wording in the end-of-text references, i.e. the title of the web page, e.g. Adslogans (2013) or, if no title is available, the web page’s URL.

4.4.2. Software and electronic reference sources

Other electronic resources include software/computer programs which you may use in linguistic analyses, and reference sources in electronic format, e.g.:


4.5. Miscellaneous

Communications (public; personal):

Lohmann, Arne. 2013. Introduction to the study of language I [Lecture, Department of English, University of Vienna], 7 Oct.

Walters, Frank. 2010. Conversation with/Letter to/E-mail to/Telephone conversation with/Text message to/Fax to John Stephens, 5 May.

Conferences (paper from conference proceedings; full conference proceedings; unpublished paper):


Audio, visual and audio-visual material:


*FM4 artist of the week*. 2013. FM4, 7 October.


5. Conclusion

If you are not sure how a paper for a particular course should be set out or if you have any further questions (after having read through this style sheet very carefully and consulted *The Purdue Online Writing Lab*, for example), ask the lecturer in charge.

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6. References


Channel, Joanna. 1988. “Psycholinguistic considerations in the study of L2 vocabulary acquisition”.
Appendix

An appendix (or appendices) would also normally start on a fresh page, but to save paper, this section follows on directly from the references. Appendices contain information which cannot be conveniently placed in the main body of your text, such as transcripts of interviews, complete data sets, questionnaires, statistics, pictures, complete figures/tables/charts/graphs of results, specification or data sheets etc. etc.

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