Linguistic Typology — A Very Selective Reading List

General Works

At least two of the following works should be read in order to cover the basics. They will be relevant to all the classes.

   This is a sound introduction, but more advanced than Whaley’s work.

   Similar in scope to Comrie’s book, also more advanced than Whaley.

   Probably the most detailed introduction, more advanced than Comrie or Croft; not always easy to read, but with a plethora of information.

   This is highly recommended as a first introduction. The book covers all the basic topics and is very accessible, but for more detail other works are better.

Week 2: Core Constituents


Week 3: Valency Changing Operations

Week 4: Word Order


Week 5: Relative Clauses


Week 6: Gender and Number


Week 7: Tense, Aspect, Mood


Week 8: Summary and Problems