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## 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.

1. Comrie, B. (1992), *Language Universals and Linguistic Typology: Syntax and Morphology*, 2nd edn. (Oxford).  
This is a sound introduction, but more advanced than Whaley's work.
2. Croft, W. (1990), *Typology and Universals* (Cambridge).  
Similar in scope to Comrie's book, also more advanced than Whaley.
3. Song, J. J. (2001), *Linguistic Typology: Morphology and Syntax* (Harlow).  
Probably the most detailed introduction, more advanced than Comrie or Croft; not always easy to read, but with a plethora of information.
4. Whaley, L. J. (1997), *Introduction to Typology: The Unity and Diversity of Language* (Thousand Oaks, London, and New Delhi).  
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

1. Blake, B. J. (1994), *Case* (Cambridge).
2. Blake, B. J. (1977), *Case Marking in Australian Languages* (Canberra).
3. Dixon, R. M. W. (1994), *Ergativity* (Cambridge).

### Week 3: Valency Changing Operations

1. Cooreman, A. M. (1987), *Transitivity and Discourse Continuity in Chamorro Narratives* (Berlin, New York, and Amsterdam).
2. Himmelmann, N. P. (2002), 'Voice in western Austronesian: an update', in F. Wouk and M. Ross (eds.), *The History and Typology of Western Austronesian Voice Systems* (Canberra), 7–15.
3. Keenan, E. L. (1985), 'Passive in the world's languages', in T. Shopen (ed.), *Language Typology and Syntactic Description*, vol. 1: *Clause Structure* (Cambridge), 243–81.

#### **Week 4: Word Order**

1. Greenberg, J. H. (1963), 'Some universals of grammar with particular reference to the order of meaningful elements', in id. (ed.), *Universals of Language: Report of a Conference Held at Dobbs Ferry, New York, April 13-15, 1961* (Cambridge Mass.), 58-90.

#### **Week 5: Relative Clauses**

1. Keenan, E. L. (1985), 'Relative clauses', in T. Shopen (ed.), *Language Typology and Syntactic Description*, vol. 2: *Complex Constructions* (Cambridge), 141-70.

#### **Week 6: Gender and Number**

1. Corbett, G. (1991), *Gender* (Cambridge).
2. Corbett, G. (2000), *Number* (Cambridge).

#### **Week 7: Tense, Aspect, Mood**

1. Comrie, B. (1985), *Tense* (Cambridge).
2. Comrie, B. (1976), *Aspect: An Introduction to the Study of Verbal Aspect and Related Problems* (Cambridge).
3. Palmer, F. R. (1986), *Mood and Modality* (Cambridge).

#### **Week 8: Summary and Problems**

1. Matthews, P. H. (1982), *Do Languages Obey General Laws? An Inaugural Lecture* (Cambridge).