

Mini biography

Welcome to our seminar! I'm excited to work with you this semester and get to know each of you better. First, I'd love for you to upload a profile picture on Canvas under the "Settings" tab. This helps me and your classmates put a face/picture to your name, especially in discussions. Additionally, please take a few moments to complete this short survey, which will help me learn more about you and how I can best support your learning. Feel free to skip any questions you're not comfortable answering.

1. Please provide the pronunciation of your name (e.g., written phonetically or with an audio file from tools like Vocaroo or Forvo).
2. What are your personal pronouns? (These help me refer to you respectfully in class.)
3. What's your hometown? What's one thing about your hometown that you love or that's unique?
4. Where did you go to high school?
5. What is your first language? Do you speak, read, or understand any other languages? What role, if any, does language play in your identity or life?
6. What is your family's history with higher education? (For example, are you the first in your family to attend college? Is there someone in your family who inspired your educational journey?)
7. What's one thing you'd like me to know about you as we begin this class?
8. Do you have any background, experience, or interest in **linguistics** or **language policy**? (This could include familiarity with the IPA, phonetics, morphology, other linguistics coursework at Penn, participation in linguistics olympiads, or any other relevant experiences.)