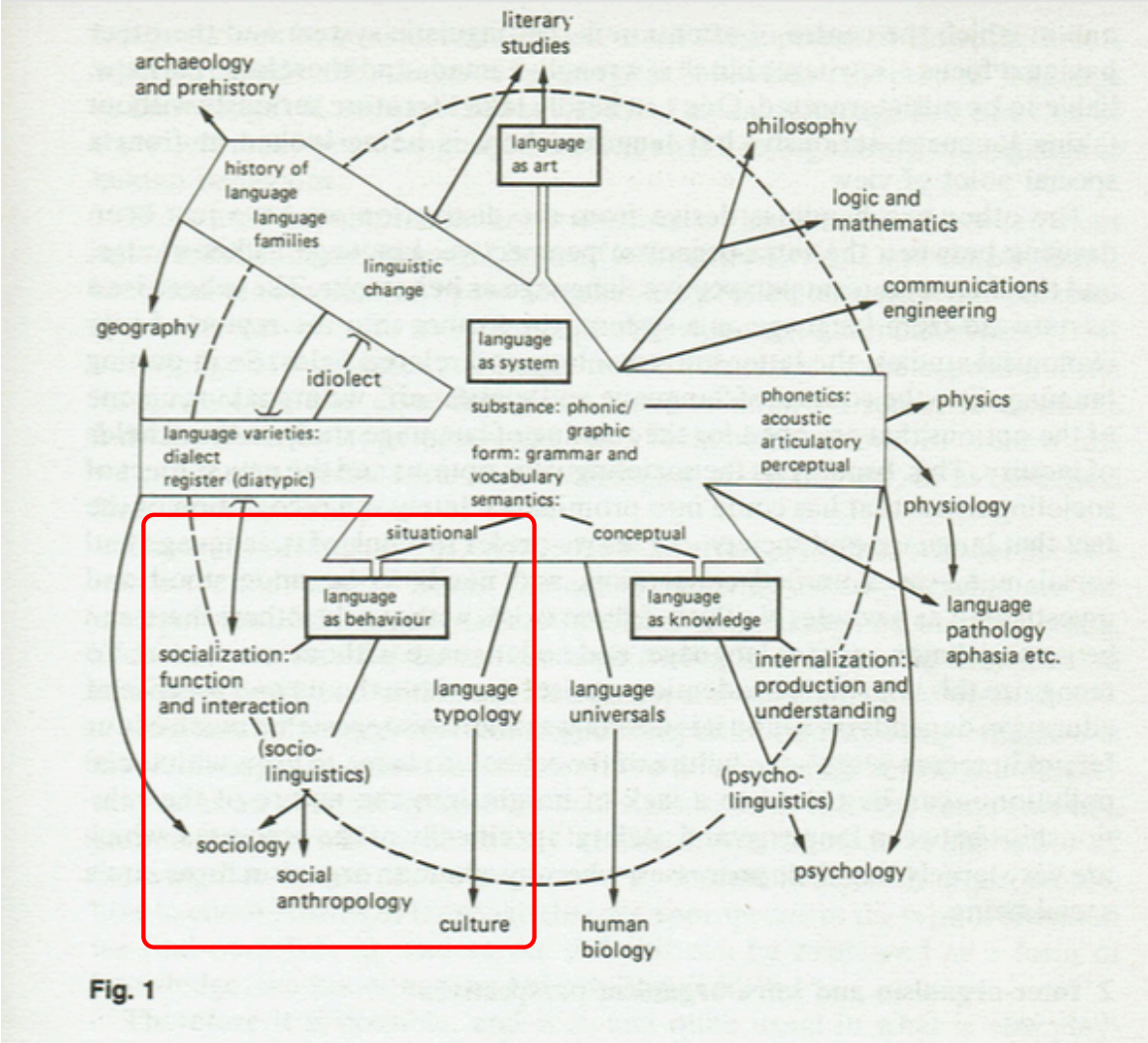
An Inter-Organism Perspective (Halliday)



A diagrammatic representation of the nature of linguistic studies and their relation to other fields of scholarship;

taken from:
Halliday, M A K 'Language and social man (Part 1)'. in:
Halliday, M A K *Language as social semiotic. The social interpretation of language and meaning*. Arnold, 1978. 11.

Among other things, the diagram illustrates the difference between inter-organism (bottom left) and intra-organism (bottom right) perspectives on language.

Note: In this course, when we talk about the 'meaning' of utterances, we will be concentrating on the area outlined in red. This is in sharp contrast to the perspective which is adopted in most of your classes on linguistics.