



אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב
הפקולטה למדעי הרוח והחברה

המחלקה לספרויות זרות ובלשנות – שנת הלימודים תשפ"א 2021-22

Introduction to Morphology

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Morphology is the branch of linguistics that deals with the internal structure of the words and how they are formed. The questions we will address include: What is a word? Does an orthographic word, something we put spaces around when we write, correspond to anything in our mental grammar? What are internal parts of the words and processes that create and combine them? The course will seek to answer these and other questions by examining morphological phenomena from across the world's languages.

Key words: Morphology; Morphological categories; Derivation; Inflection; Word Formation

1. Topics to be covered in the course

1. Basic concepts of morphology
2. What is a word? Wordhood tests.
3. Syncretism. Morphological features.
4. Allomorphy. Suppletion.
5. Morphology and phonology
6. Derivation.
7. Inflection. Paradigms.
8. Types of verbal and nominal morphological categories: Tense, aspect, mood; Person, Number; Gender/noun class systems; Case.
9. Compounding.
10. Frequency effects in morphology.

2. Course Policies

2.1 Attendance

- Attendance is obligatory.

2.2 Academic Honesty

When doing home assignments, you are allowed to work together with your classmates. However, the work you submit should be written up by you on your own. For the university guidelines on academic honesty, please consult Section 4 of the following document:
https://in.bgu.ac.il/acadsec/doclib2/plagiarism_eng.pdf

3. Approximate schedule

Week 1, 17.10.2021: Introduction: Course overview & logistics. Why morphology? Morphology vs. syntax and phonology. (No tutorial in the first week.)

Week 2, 24.10.2021. Morphemes, morphemic division. Types of morpheme. Glosses.

Week 3, 31.10.2021. Morphological processes. Allomorphy and allomorphs. Suppletion.

Week 4, 07.11.2021. Inflection: Typical Verb categories. Homework 1 due.

Week 5, 14.11.2021. Inflection: Typical noun categories.

Week 6, 21.11.2021. Syncretism. Morphological features. Paradigms. Homework 2 due.

Week 7, 28.11.2021. Derivational Morphology. Productivity.

05.12.2020. No Class (Chanuka break)

Week 8, 12.12.2021. Compounding. Homework 3 due.

Week 9, 19.12.2021. Valence and valence-changing operations.

Week 10, 26.12.2021. Word and wordhood criteria. Homework 4 due.

Week 11, 02.01.2022. Frequency effects in morphology.

Week 12, 09.01.2021. Reserve & Wrap-up. Homework 5 due.

דרישות והרכב ציון הקורס

משקל בציון הסופי

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יש חובת מעבר במבחן גמר.

All the readings for the course will be posted on the Moodle site of the course.

Obligatory readings

Haspelmath, Martin, and Andrea D. Sims. 2010. *Understanding morphology*. London: Hodder Education.

Supplementary readings

Bickel, Balthasar & Nichols, Johanna. 2007. Inflectional morphology. In Shopen (ed.) (2007). vol. 3. 169-239.

Blake, B. J. (2004), *Case*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Corbett, Greville. 2007. Gender and noun classes. In Shopen (ed.) (2007). 241-279.

Fábregas, Antonio and Sergio Scalise. 2012. *Morphology. From Data to Theories*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Shopen, Timothy (ed) 2007. *Language Typology and Syntactic Description*. 2nd ed. vol 3. Grammatical Categories and the Lexicon. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Timberlake, Alan. 2007. Tense, Aspect, Mood. In Shopen (ed.) (2007). 280-332.

Booij, Geert. 2012. *The grammar of words*. 3rd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press