Name of the course: Introduction to Syntax
Lecturer name: David Erschler
Course number:
Office hours: Monday 12:00-13:00

Topics to be covered:

1. Basic concepts of syntax
2. Phrase structure.
3. Tree structure.
4. The lexicon.
5. X-bar theory
6. Clause structure.
7. Transformations.

Week 1: Introduction; Course overview & logistics.
Week 2: Phrase structure, the NP. Constituency tests
Week 3: Phrase structure: the VP
Week 4 Tree structure
Week 5 Syntactic ambiguity
Week 6 The lexicon
Week 7 X-bar theory.
Week 8 Clause structure 1
Week 9 Clause structure 2
Week 10 Transformations
Week 11 Binding and control 1
Week 12. Binding and control 2
Week 13: Language acquisition.
Week 14: Reserve & Wrap-up.


Course requirements:
Attendance required yes
1. Participation in in-class discussion 10%
2. In-class quizzes 10%
3. Home assignments 20%
4. Midterm 30%
5. Final exam 30%