



אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב
הפקולטה למדעי הרוח והחברה

המחלקה לספרויות זרות ובלשנות, תש"פ 2019-20

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.
8. Basics of binding and Control.

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.

Textbook: Carnie, Andrew. 2010. *Constituent Structure* (2nd ed.) Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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%