

The Other Sides of Syntax 2024
2nd-year elective, semester II

PREREQUISITES: Introduction to the Lexicon, Syntax A or Core Syntax

Course hours: Wednesdays, 14:00 – 18:00

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In this course, we will examine the interaction with syntax of a variety of thematic, semantic, and information-structure topics. This means that we will be discussing aspects of syntactic theory that you may not yet be familiar with.

Requirements

The course consists of readings and discussion. Students are expected to prepare the readings for each class and to actively participate in class discussion. Participation is therefore required. (The usual rules apply.) Also, please review the file Class Rules on Moodle.

Grading

(1) Assignments, reports, and quizzes	95%
(2) Obligatory participation	5%

- All late submissions will receive a grade of zero.

Partial list of topics:

Information structure: the basics
The upper left periphery and beyond
Reference and specificity in syntax
Events in syntax and the Davidsonian e-place
Event and result nominals
Causation and event structure
Light verbs
Adjective types
Animacy in syntax
A few important functional categories