

Academic year 2023-24 (תשפ"ד)

Course title (English): Typology

Course title (Hebrew): טיפולוגיה

Course number: 133.1.0094

Course slot: Semester A; Wednesday; 10:00-12:00

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Course description & objectives:

This course focuses on linguistic typology, in which the languages of the world are classified in terms of the grammatical features that they have in common. We will also deal some with language universals: traits and implicational relationships that hold in (nearly) every language. In this course, students will examine the make-up of data of many different types, from a very diverse range of the world's languages. Participants will gain a thorough understanding of how numerous constructions are realized in various languages, along with in-depth knowledge of how such word and sentence structures work in a specific language.

Keywords: Typology; Universals; Syntax; Morphology; Word order; Clause structure.

Topics to be covered

Linguistic areas.

Basic word order in simple clauses

Main and embedded clauses

Noun phrase structure

Coordination and Subordination.

Valency changing operations

Typology of agreement

Linguistic universals.

Course requirements:

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Attendance required **yes**

Participation: **10%**

4 Home Assignments: **25%**

Final Assignment: 65%

Accommodations for students called up for reserve duty during the semester:

On top of the time of the reserve duty, the student is allowed to be absent from the class for up to 2 weeks (i.e., they can miss 4 more classes).

The student is allowed to submit home assignments in the 11th week of the semester. (If they are on reserve duty service in the 11th week of the semester, another date will be found.)

Topics & bibliography

Approximate schedule

Week 1: Introduction.

Week 2. Linguistic areas and major language families of the world.

Week 3 Basic word order in simple clauses across languages, and the various patterns and correlations involved. Assignment 1.

Week 4. Extended noun phrases; DP conjecture.

Week 5. Basic types of embedded clauses. Assignment 2.

Week 6. Clauses containing coordination (i.e. ones that would translate into English examples with conjunctions like ‘and’, ‘or’, ‘but’)

Week 7 Coordination vs. subordination; main clause phenomena. Assignment 3.

Week 8. Agreement.

Week 9. Valency changing operations; diatheses.

Week 10. Valency changing operations; diatheses (contd). Assignment 4.

Week 11. Wrap-up and reserve.

Readings

All the readings will be posted on the course website.

Shopen, Timothy (ed) 1985. *Language Typology and Syntactic Description*. 1st ed. vol 1. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Shopen, Timothy (ed) 2007. *Language Typology and Syntactic Description*. 2nd ed. vol 1. Clause Structure. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Shopen, Timothy (ed) 2007. *Language Typology and Syntactic Description*. 2nd ed. vol 2. Complex Structures. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Grammars

All the grammars on the list are either available for download from the Aranne library website or are open access. For the home assignments and the final assignment, you will have to pick a grammar to work with.

Bardi (Non-Pama-Nyungan; Australia)

Bowern, Claire. 2012. *A grammar of Bardi* (Mouton Grammar Library, 57). Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

Dime (Omotic, Ethiopia)

Seyoum, M. 2008. A grammar of Dime. <https://scholarlypublications.universiteitleiden.nl/handle/1887/12833>

Emai (Niger-Congo; Nigeria)

Egbokhare, Francis O., and Ronald P. Schaefer. 2017. *A Grammar of Emai*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter

Eton (Cameroon)

Van de Velde, Mark L.O. 2008. *A Grammar of Eton*. Berlin : De Gruyter Mouton.

Kunbarlang (Non-Pama-Nyungan; Australia)

Kapitonov, Ivan. 2021. *A Grammar of Kunbarlang*. (Mouton Grammar Library, 89). Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

Kwaza (Isolate; Brasil)

Van der Voort, Hein. 2004. *A grammar of Kwaza* (Mouton Grammar Library, 29). Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.

Lao (Tai-Kadai; Laos)

Enfield, Nicholas J. 2007. *A grammar of Lao* (Mouton Grammar Library, 38). Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.

Lavukaleve (Central Solomons; The Solomon Islands)

Terrill, Angela. 2003. *A grammar of Lavukaleve* (Mouton Grammar Library, 30). Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.

Moloko (Chadic; Nigeria)

Friesen, Dianne. 2017. *A grammar of Moloko*. (African Language Grammars and Dictionaries 3). Berlin: Language Science Press.

Mian (Trans-New Guinea; Papua-New Guinea)

Fedden, Sebastian. 2011. *A grammar of Mian* (Mouton Grammar Library, 55). Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Mouton.

Mauwake (Trans-New Guinea; Papua-New Guinea)

Berghäll, Liisa. 2015. *A grammar of Mauwake*. (Studies in Diversity Linguistics 4). Berlin: Language Science Press.

Mongsen Ao (Tibeto-Burman; India)

Coupe, Alexander R. 2007. *A grammar of Mongsen Ao* (Mouton Grammar Library, 39). Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.

Panare (Cariban; Venezuela)

Payne, Thomas E. & Doris L. Payne. 2013. *A typological grammar of Panare; a Cariban language of Venezuela* (Brill's Studies in the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, 5). Leiden/Boston: Brill.

Sidamo (Cushitic, Ethiopia)

Kawachi, K. (2007). *A grammar of Sidaama (Sidamo), a cushitic language of Ethiopia*.

<https://www.proquest.com/dissertations-theses/grammar-sidaama-sidamo-cushitic-language-ethiopia/docview/304777515/se-2>

Tommo So (Niger-Congo; Mali)

McPherson, Laura. 2013. *A grammar of Tommo So* (Mouton Grammar Library, 62). Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Mouton.

Tundra Nenets (Uralic; Russia)

Nikolaeva, Irina 2014. *A grammar of Tundra Nenets* (Mouton Grammar Library, 65). Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Mouton.

Pite Saami (Uralic; Sweden)

Wilbur, Joshua. 2014. *A grammar of Pite Saami*. (Studies in Diversity Linguistics 5). Berlin: Language Science Press.

Vaeakau-Taumako (Austronesian; Oceanic; The Solomon Islands)

Næss, Åshild & Even Hovdhaugen. 2011. *A grammar of Vaeakau-Taumako* (Mouton Grammar Library, 52). Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Mouton.

Vurës (Austronesian; Oceanic; Vanuatu)

Malau, Catriona. 2016. *A grammar of Vurës, Vanuatu* (Pacific Linguistics, 651). Boston/Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

Central Alaskan Yupik (Eskimo-Aleut; USA)

Miyaoka, Osahito. 2012. *A grammar of Central Alaskan Yupik (CAY)* (Mouton Grammar Library, 58). Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Mouton