

Academic year 2022-23 (תשפ"ג)

Course title (English): Lexical Categories

Course title (Hebrew): קטגוריות לקסיקליות

Course number: 132.1.0403

Course slot (semester/s, weekday/s, hours): Sunday & Wednesday 14:00-16:00

Lecturer: Philip Shushurin

Lecturer's conference hour and contact details:

Course description & objectives:

The course will focus on the notion of lexical categories and its place in contemporary syntactic theories. The course will address the following questions: What are the syntactic properties of Nominal and Verbal Phrases? Do adjectives form a uniform class across languages? Are adjectives a nominal category? What are linkers and what is their relation to Prepositions (and case markers)? What is the syntactic content behind the labels N, V, Adj and P? What are mixed categories and what are their syntactic properties?

Schedule

1. Introduction
2. Nouns and nominal syntax
3. Nouns and gender
4. Adjectives: attributive and non-attributive
5. Prepositions, generalized prepositions and linkers. Ezafe, head marking and agreement in the Noun Phrase
6. Adjectives and Prepositions. The syntax of nominal modification
7. Verbs and verbal syntax: introduction
8. Verbs and the argument licensing in the verbal domain
9. Verbal and nominal syntax: a comparison
10. Mixed categories: introduction
11. Nominalizations
12. Participles and adverbials
13. Related topics: light verb constructions, compounding and incorporation
14. Student presentations

Course requirements:

Syntax I

Topics & bibliography

Topics:

- Lexical categories: nouns, verbs, adjectives, prepositions
- The Amherst system
- Extended projection
- Ezafe, head marking, possessor agreement
- Mixed categories: nominalizations (masdars), participles, gerunds etc.
- Compounding, incorporation

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