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## Introduction to Syntax

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Time: Wednesday 14:00-16:00

Location: Building, Room

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### Course Description & Objectives:

The course is devoted to syntax, the branch of linguistics that deals with the way in which words combine to form phrases and phrases combine to form sentences. We will be considering basic syntactic concepts such as lexical and phrasal categories, constituent structure, tree diagrams, structural ambiguity, subcategorization frames, and phrase structure rules. We will also discuss subjects vs. objects, syntactic movement, binding, and control. While most of the course will deal with English data, we will also be making comparisons with your native languages.

### Pre-requisite

Introduction to Linguistics

### Requirements and Grade

- Class Attendance is Obligatory
- Assignments: 25%
- Final Exam: 75%

### Topics

There might be **some changes** in the order or content depending on our progress. You will be notified of any change in our schedule well in advance.

Week 1	Review and Introduction
Week 2	Phrase Structure: Heads and Phrases
Week 3	Phrase Structure and the Lexicon: theta-roles, lexical features
Week 4	Phrase structure: Constituency tests, arguments & adjuncts.

Week 5	Tree structure
Week 6	X-bar Theory
Week 7	Syntactic ambiguity.
Week 8	Structural relations, Binding Theory
Week 9	Clause structure: Clausal arguments.
Week 10	Clause structure: Null subjects of different types
Week 11	The structure of NP.
Week 12	Movement in syntax.
Week 13	Putting it all together.