Abrahams-Curiel Department of Foreign Literatures & Linguistics

Academic year 2023-24 (תשפ"ד)

Course title (English): Introduction to Syntax

Course title (Hebrew): מבוא לתחביר

Course number: 133.1.0440

Course time: Semester II, Wednesday 12:00-14:00
Sunday 11:00-12:00; Tuesday 15:00-16:00

Lecturer: Tova Rapoport; **Assistants:** Yuval Amzaleg, Guy Ben-Ami

Lecturer's conference hour and contact details: Mondays, by appointment only
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Please write in English.

Course description & objectives:

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

Course requirements:

There are *assigned readings*, posted on Moodle. We will also upload any additional material you request.
Students are expected to read the assigned material, *bring any questions and comments to class* and participate in class discussions. **Attendance is therefore required**.
Please read Class Rules for more details.

There are also *written assignments*.
It is useful to work on the assignments (as well as the readings) with others. Given this, students are encouraged to submit their work in pairs.
Your completed assignments, typed in the proper format (see under Assignments on Moodle) will be due as announced.
Assignments must be submitted on time. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Grading: Assignments: 25%
Final exam: 75%
(Students must earn a passing grade in the exam in order to pass the course.)