



## **Abrahams-Curiel Department of Foreign Literatures & Linguistics**

Academic year 2023-24 (תשפ"ד)

**Course title (English): The frontal lobe in language processing**

**האוניה הפרונטאלית בעיבוד שפה**

**Course number: 0-133-2-0177**

**Course slot (semester/s, weekday/s, hours): yearly, tuesday, 10-12**

**Lecturer: Dr Dorit Ben Shalom**

**Lecturer's conference hour and contact details: wednesday 12, by appointment**

**Course description & objectives:** The role of the frontal lobe in the construction of phonological, syntactic, and semantic hierarchical linguistic structures: the constructions of syllables and the prosodic hierarchy in BA 44, the construction of syntactic trees in BA 45, and the construction of semantic trees in BA 47. This course is part of a series of courses about the contribution of the temporal lobe to linguistic whole items, the parietal lobe to the extraction of linguistic features, and the frontal lobe to the construction of linguistic hierarchical structures.

**Course requirements:**

Attendance:	% 0	required
Quizzes:	% 20	
Final paper:	% 80	

You have to pass both quizzes in order to pass the course

**Topics & bibliography:**

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