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Course Information	
Course Title:	Syntactic Theories
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Course Units:	2
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Sources:	1. Analysing English Sentences: A Minimalist Approach (Radford, 2009) 2. Theoretical Linguistics: Emergence and Development of Generative Grammar, Third Edition (Dabir-Moghadam, 1395/2016) (Self-study)
Exams:	1. Midterm Exams: a) Theoretical Linguistics: Emergence and Development of Generative Grammar, Third Edition (Dabir-Moghadam, 1395/2016) Chapters: 1, 9, 10, 11, 12 b) Analysing English Sentences: A Minimalist Approach (Radford, 2009) Chapters: 1-5 2. Final Exam: Analysing English Sentences: A Minimalist Approach (Radford, 2009) Chapters: 6-9

Lesson Plan			
Session	Chapter	Topic	Objectives
1	1	Grammar	To discuss the following issues: - Traditional grammar: categories and functions - Universal Grammar - The Language Faculty - Principles of Universal Grammar - Parameters - Parameter setting
2	2	Structure	To discuss the following issues: - Phrases - Clauses - Specifiers - Intermediate and maximal projections - Testing structure - Syntactic relations - Bare phrase structure
3	3	Null constituents	To discuss the following issues: - Null subjects - Null auxiliaries - Null T in indicative clauses - Null T in subjunctive clauses

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Null T in infinitive clauses - Null C in finite clauses - Null C in infinitive clauses - Null complementisers and case-marking - Defective clauses - Null determiners and quantifiers
4	4	Head movement	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - T-to-C movement - Movement as copying and deletion - V-to-T movement - Head movement - Auxiliary raising - Another look at negation - do-support - Head movement in nominals
5		Midterm Exam (1)	Theoretical Linguistics: Emergence and Development of Generative Grammar (Dabir-Moghadam, 2010)
6	5	Wh-movement (1)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wh-questions - Wh-movement as copying and deletion - Driving wh-movement and auxiliary inversion - Pied-piping of material in the domain of a wh-word - Pied-piping of a superordinate preposition
7	5	Wh-movement (2)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long-distance wh-movement - Multiple wh-questions - Wh-subject questions - Exclamative and relative clauses
8	6	A-movement (1)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subjects in Belfast English - Idioms - Argument structure and theta-roles - Unaccusative predicates
9	6	A-movement (2)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passive predicates - Long-distance passivisation - Raising - Comparing raising and control predicates
10	7	Agreement, case and A-movement (1)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement - Feature valuation - Uninterpretable features and Feature Deletion - Expletive <i>it</i> subjects - Expletive <i>there</i> subjects
11	7	Agreement, case and A-movement (2)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement and A-movement - EPP and agreement in control infinitives - EPP and person agreement in defective clauses - Defective clauses with expletive subjects
12		Midterm Exam (2)	Analysing English Sentences: A Minimalist Approach (Radford, 2009) Chapters: 1-5

13	8	Split projections (1)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split CP: force, topic and focus projections - Split CP: finiteness projection - Split TP: aspect projection - Split TP: mood projection - Split VP: transitive ergative structures
14	8	Split projections (2)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split VP: other transitive structures and unergatives - Split VP: Object Control structures - Split VP: unaccusative structures - Split VP: passive and raising structures
15	9	Phases (1)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phases - Intransitive and defective clauses - Phases and A-bar movement - A-bar movement in transitive clauses - Uninterpretable features and feature inheritance
16	9	Phases (2)	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflections on feature inheritance - Independent probes - Subject questions - More on subextraction - On other phases