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Course Information	
Course Title:	Principles of Grammar
Program:	M.A.
Course Units:	2
Total Sessions/Hours:	16/32
Sources:	1. Understanding Syntax (Tallerman, 2015) 2. Principles of Grammar(Golfam, 2006) (Self-study)
Exams:	1. Midterm Exam: Principles of Grammar(Golfam, 2006) 2. Final Exam: Understanding Syntax (Tallerman, 2015)

Lesson Plan			
Session	Chapter	Topic	Objectives
1	1	What is syntax?	To discuss the following issues: - Some concepts and misconceptions - Use of linguistic examples - Why do languages have syntax?
2	2	Words belong to different classes (1)	To discuss the following issues: - Identifying word classes (1) - Verbs - Nouns
3	2	Words belong to different classes (2)	To discuss the following issues: - Identifying word classes (2) - Adjectives - Adverbs - Prepositions
4	3	Looking inside sentences (1)	To discuss the following issues: - Finiteness and auxiliaries
5	3	Looking inside sentences (2)	To discuss the following issues: - Introduction to subordination - Major cross-linguistic variations

6	4	Heads and their dependents (1)	To discuss the following issues: - Heads and their dependents - Where does the head occur in a phrase? Head-initial and head final languages
7	4	Heads and their dependents (2)	To discuss the following issue: - Head-marking and dependent-marking languages
8	Midterm Exam		Principles of Grammar(Golfam, 2006)
9	5	How do we identify constituents?	To discuss the following issues: - Discovering the structure of sentences - Relationships within the tree - Developing detailed tree diagrams and tests for constituent structure
10	6	Relationships within the clause (1)	To discuss the following issues: - Indicating grammatical relations in the clause - Order of phrases within the clause - Case systems
11	6	Relationships within the clause (2)	To discuss the following issues: - Agreement and cross-referencing - Grammatical relations - Free word order: A case study
12	7	Processes that change grammatical relations (1)	To discuss the following issues: - Passives and impersonals - The antipassive
13	7	Processes that change grammatical relations (2)	To discuss the following issues: - The applicative construction - The causative construction
14	8	<i>Wh</i> -constructions: Questions and relative clauses (1)	To discuss the following issues: - <i>Wh</i> -questions
15	8	<i>Wh</i> -constructions: Questions and relative clauses (2)	To discuss the following issues: - Relative clauses - Focus movements and scrambling
16	9	Asking questions about syntax	To discuss the following issues: - Syntactic description: What questions to investigate - A case study: Grammatical sketch of Colloquial Welsh - Some questions concerning syntax - Last words: More syntax ahead