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### Course Information

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<th>Syntactic Theories (1)</th>
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|                                           | a) Theoretical Linguistics: Emergence and Development of Generative Grammar (Dabir-Moghadam, 2010)  
Chapters: 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 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

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| 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  
- 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 | To discuss the following issues:  
- 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) | To discuss the following issues:  
- 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) | To discuss the following issues:  
- Long-distance wh-movement  
- Multiple wh-questions  
- Wh-subject questions  
- Exclamative and relative clauses |
| 8 | 6 | A-movement (1) | To discuss the following issues:  
- Subjects in Belfast English  
- Idioms  
- Argument structure and theta-roles  
- Unaccusative predicates |
| 9 | 6 | A-movement (2) | To discuss the following issues:  
- Passive predicates  
- Long-distance passivisation  
- Raising  
- Comparing raising and control predicates |
| 10 | 7 | Agreement, case and A-movement (1) | To discuss the following issues:  
- Agreement  
- Feature valuation  
- Uninterpretable features and Feature Deletion  
- Expletive *it* subjects |
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<td>11</td>
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<td>Agreement, case and A-movement (2)</td>
<td>To discuss the following issues: - Agreement and A-movement - EPP and agreement in control infinitives - EPP and person agreement in defective clauses - Defective clauses with expletive subjects</td>
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| 12        |      | Midterm Exam (2) | Analysing English Sentences: A Minimalist Approach (Radford, 2009)  
Chapters: 1-5 |
| 13        | 8    | Split projection s (1) | To discuss the following issues: - 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 projection s (2) | To discuss the following issues: - 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) | To discuss the following issues: - 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) | To discuss the following issues: - Reflections on feature inheritance - Independent probes - Subject questions - More on subextraction - On other phases |