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Course Information	
Course Title:	Syntax
Program:	M.A. (General Linguistics)
Course Units:	2
Total Sessions/Hours:	16/32
Source:	Syntax A Generative Introduction (Carnie, 2013)
Exams:	1. Midterm Exam: Chapters: 1-9 2. Final Exam: Chapters: 10-17

Course Plan			
Sessions	Chapter	Topic	Objectives
1	1	Generative Grammar	To discuss the following issues: - Preliminaries - Syntax as a Cognitive Science - Modeling Syntax - Syntax as Science – the Scientific Method - Where Do the Rules Come From? - Choosing among Theories about Syntax - The Scientific Method and the Structure of this Textbook
2	2	Parts of Speech	To discuss the following issues: - Words and Why They Matter to Syntax - Determining Part of Speech - The Major Parts of Speech: N, V, Adj, and Adv - Open vs. Closed; Lexical vs. Functional - Subcategories and Features
3	3	Constituency, Trees, and Rules	To discuss the following issues: - Rules and Trees - How to Draw a Tree - Modification and Ambiguity - Constituency Tests - Constituency in Other Languages
4	4	Structural Relations	To discuss the following issues: - The Parts of a Tree - Domination - Precedence

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - C-command - Grammatical Relations
5	5	Binding Theory	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Notions Coindex and Antecedent - Binding - Locality Conditions on the Binding of Anaphors - The Distribution of Pronouns - The Distribution of R-expressions
6	6	X-bar Theory	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bar-level Projections - Generalizing the Rules: The X-bar Schema - Complements, Adjuncts, and Specifiers - Some Definitional Housekeeping - Parameters of Word Order - Drawing Trees in X-bar Notation - X-bar Theory: A Summary
7	7	Extending X-bar Theory to Functional Categories	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determiner Phrases (DPs) - A Descriptive Tangent into Clause Types - Complementizer Phrases (CPs) - Tense Phrases (TPs)
8	8	Constraining X-bar: Theta Theory	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some Basic Terminology - Thematic Relations and Theta Roles - The Lexicon - Expletives and the Extended Projection Principle
9	9	Auxiliaries and Functional Categories	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complementizers - Determiners - Understanding Tense, Aspect, Voice, and Mood - Auxiliaries
10	1-9	Midterm Exam	Midterm Exam
11	10	Head-to-Head Movement	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verb Movement ($V \rightarrow T$) - T Movement ($T \rightarrow C$) - Do-support
12	11	DP Movement	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Puzzle for the Theory of Theta Roles - Passives - Case - Raising: Reprise - Passives: Reprise - Tying Up a Loose End
13	12	Wh-movement and Locality Constraints	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Movement in Wh-questions - Relative Clauses - Islands

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Minimal Link Condition - Echo Questions (Wh-in-situ) in English
14	13	A Unified Theory of Movement	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move - Explaining Cross-linguistic Differences - - Scope, Covert Movement, and the MLC
15	14	Expanded VPs	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Problem of Ditransitive Verbs - The Active Voice Head and Other Light Verbs - Object Shift - Ditransitives: Reprise
16	15	Raising, Control, and Empty Categories	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising vs. Control - Two Kinds of Raising, Two Kinds of Control - Control Theory - Another Kind of Null Subject: “Little” pro
17	16&17	Ellipsis & Advanced Topics in Binding Theory	<p>To discuss the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ellipsis - LF-copying or PF-deletion - Antecedent-Contained Deletion and Pseudogapping - Levels of Representation - The Definition of Binding Domain