

2023-2024 Summer Course: LING2050: Grammatical Description

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Timetable:

Date: Jun 24 – Jul 12, 2024 (3 weeks)

Time: 14:30-17:30

Prerequisite:

LING1000

Course Description:

This course aims at giving students a comprehensive introduction to basic concepts used in the description of morphology and syntax, independent of any model of grammar. Exercises accompany the topics introduced. Example analyses are drawn from various languages. The following topics in morphology and syntax will be covered: words, morphemes and morphs, word classes, immediate constituents, phrase structure, functional relations, and sentence structure. Course materials will be provided by the lecturer.

Course Objectives and Outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. Be introduced to a range of basic concepts in syntactic studies;
2. To describe grammars crosslinguistically with morphosyntactic terminology;
3. To comprehend relevant theories (e.g., X'-template) in syntactic analyses;
4. To critically analyze linguistic data with introduced theoretical tools.

Assessment:

- Participation: 25%: attendance, in-class exercises/group discussions, ungraded homework;
- Assignment: 50%: two problem sets, 25% for each;
- Test: 25%: Final quiz.

Reading List:

1. Tallerman, Maggie. 2011. *Understanding Syntax (3rd edition)*. London: Hodder
2. Carnie, Andrew. 2021. *Syntax (4th Edition)*. Oxford: Blackwell.
3. Haegeman, Liliane. (2009). *Thinking syntactically: a guide to argumentation and analysis*. John Wiley & Sons.