

LING 203: Syntax
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Objective

This course aims at introducing the basic principles of syntactic analysis within the framework of generative grammar. The objective is to learn about the nature of categories and relationships between these categories that exist in the sentence structure of human language through the analyses of crosslinguistic data.

Evaluation

Assignments and participation	25 %
Midterm	35 %
Final	40 %

Textbook

Carnie, Andrew (2013). *Syntax: A Generative Introduction*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishers. (3rd Edition)

Tentative Course Plan

Week	Topic
	Overview of the Course & Introduction
W1	Ch.1-Generative Grammar
W2	Ch.2-Parts of Speech
	Ch.3-Constituency, Trees & Rules
W3	Ch.4-Structural Relations
	Ch.5-Binding Theory
W4	Ch.6-X-bar Theory
	Ch.7-Extending X-bar Theory to Functional Categories
W5	Ch.8-Constraining X-bar: Theta Theory
	Ch.9-Auxiliaries and functional categories
W6	Ch.10- Head-to-Head Movement
	Ch.11-DP Movement
W7	Ch 12-Wh Movement and Locality
W8	Review
W9	Midterm
W10	Ch. 13- A Unified Theory of Movement
W11	Ch 14- Expanded VPs
W12	Ch. 15-Raising, Control & Empty Categories
W13	Ch. 18-Polysynthesis, Incorporation and Non-configurationality
W14	Review