

## English syntax

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**Leistungspunkte:** 6

**Semester:** Sommersemester 2020

**Zeit:** Dienstag 17.00–18.30

**Ort:** A703

### Description

This course will introduce students to the modern study of syntax as an attempt to understand and model properties of the human mind. It will provide an introduction to the technical tools and concepts that underpin formal approaches to grammar. The object language will mainly be English, with occasional examples drawn from other languages to illustrate broader points.

### Languages

- classes: English
- exams: English
- contact: English or German (please choose the language you are more competent in, i.e. *please write in German if your first language is German*)

### Literature

Larson, Richard K. 2010. *Grammar as science*. Cambridge, MA: Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Requirement:** two exams (zwei Teilklausuren): a mid-term take-home exam (30%) and an end-term exam in class (70%)

- Midterm deadline: 1 June 2020, 17.00
- Endterm date: 14 July 2020, 17.00–18.30 (room as above)

### Preliminary schedule:

21.04.2020	Introducing syntax
28.04.2020	Working with grammars
05.05.2020	Syntactic theories
12.05.2020	Trees, relations and categories
19.05.2020	Constructing arguments
26.05.2020	Lexical entries and rules
02.06.2020	Complements and adjuncts
09.06.2020	Attaching complements and adjuncts
16.06.2020	Complement sentences
23.06.2020	Invisible lexical items and X-bar theory
30.06.2020	Interrogatives and movement
07.07.2020	Constraints on movement
14.07.2020	EXAM

### Tutorials

You can take one of following tutorials:

- Wednesday 13.30–15.00 (G227)– Herr/Mr Jonathan Bruno Erwin Förderer
- Thursday 8.15–9.45 (G421)– Herr/Mr Owen Brown