

Syntax II

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Leistungspunkte: 6

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Zeit: Mittwoch 10.00–11.30

Ort: F423

Description

This course builds on the knowledge and analytical skills developed in Syntax I. We will explore many different constraints on sentence formation, and learn through problem-solving exercises and group discussion how to characterise these constraints in a precise and useful way. Though the course concentrates on English, other languages will be taken into consideration for comparative purposes as well. The classes will be taught in English.

Literature

There is no set textbook for the course but students may find it useful to have access to the following books:

Larson, Richard K. 2010. *Grammar as science*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Tallerman, Maggie. 2015. *Understanding syntax*. 4th edition. London: Routledge.

There is one research article set for the reading assignment:

Myler, Neil. 2013. On *coming the pub* in the North West of England: Accusative unaccusatives, dependent case, and preposition incorporation. *The Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 16: 189–207.

Requirement: a reading assignment with tasks (30%), a short home paper (30%) and an end-term test (40%)

Preliminary schedule:

24.10.2018	Introduction (Phrase structure)
31.10.2018	The nominal expression I: Revision
07.11.2018	The nominal expression II: English versus other languages
14.11.2018	The nominal expression III: The DP
21.11.2018	Verb phrases I: Revision
28.11.2018	Verb phrases II: Case
05.12.2018	WIEDERHOLUNG
12.12.2018	Theta roles and word order
19.12.2018	The tense phrase I: Revision
09.01.2019	The tense phrase II: Agreement
16.01.2019	The tense phrase III: Passives
23.01.2019	The CP I: Revision
30.01.2019	The CP II: Interrogatives
06.02.2019	The CP III: Relative clauses
13.02.2019	Test