LIN 4500: **Introduction to Syntax**
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AND 0032, AND 0013

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Course description:
This course focuses on introducing the basic ideas of syntactic phenomena and syntactic theory, central to understanding how languages organize words and morphemes into phrases. By looking at a variety of structures in English and other languages, we will uncover the common principles of syntactic structure that languages share as well as the parameters along which they differ. We will also learn how to formally represent these structures in insightful ways. Perhaps most importantly, this course will be an exercise in theory-construction and the nature of scientific inquiry.

Objectives
-Become familiar with various syntactic phenomena
-Learn the basic tools and principles of mainstream syntactic theory
-Learn how to work within a formal theory
-Develop argumentation and researching skills

Prerequisites
The prerequisites for this class are LIN 3010 (Introduction to Linguistics) and LIN 3460 (Structure of Human Language). Please talk to me if you have not taken both of these courses.

Required Text:
Carnie, Andrew. 2012. *Syntax: A Generative Introduction (third edition)*. [NOTE: It is important you get the third edition as there are substantial changes from the second edition and assignments refer to the book's numbering]. $45 on Amazon; $30 for the Kindle version. Note you do NOT need to get the companion workbook, but you can get it if you want extra practice.

Other readings and assignments not from the textbook will be available on the course website.

Course website
Course website on Sakai: http://lss.at.ufl.edu/. You'll find the syllabus as well as reading, and any handouts or other relevant materials. Grades will also be posted on the website. You are responsible for checking the site regularly and letting me know *promptly* if your grade is entered incorrectly.

Grading
Grades are based on the following weights for class requirements:

       Homework   50%
       Mid-Term   20%
       Final   30%

The course grading scale is the one recommended by CLAS: Other info on UF grading
policies can be found here: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
90 or above	87-89	84-86	80-83	77-79	74-76	70-73	67-69	64-66	60-63	57-59	56 or below

Exams
There will be an in-class mid-term and final exam. The final will be on the last day of class (12/9)
and may have a take-home component due later in the week.

Homework
There will be nine homework assignments due throughout the semester. We will typically discuss
part of the homework in class, so late work cannot be accepted barring a documented emergency.

       You are encouraged to discuss homeworks with other members of our current class, but
you must write them up separately, completely on your own. No two homeworks should be
exactly alike! And while I encourage you not to consult outside textual resources on your
homework, if you do use such sources, they should be cited. Give credit where it is
due.Homeworks will be graded roughly without in depth comment. If you have questions about
homework questions that are not addressed in class, you are encouraged to discuss them with me
during office hours.

       Homework should be either very neatly handwritten or typed. If you handwrite them,
your work must be organized and clear. If written in pencil, make sure it is not too light. If you
type your assignment, you can either handwrite the trees in or you can use one of several ways to
generate trees:

    a. Use the 'draw' function in MS Word and draw lines into trees. This is slow and
        tedious.
    b. You can download tree-drawing software called TreeForm, which is free.
        http://sourceforge.net/projects/treeform/
    c. Another free program is Linguistic Tree Constructor. http://linguistic-tree-
        constructor.en.softonic.com/
    d. An online program you can use is phpSyntax Tree. You make the trees online and
        then download the output images into your docs.
        http://www.ironcreek.net/phpsyntaxtree/

Attendance and Participation
While not an explicit part of your grade, attendance and participation in class are essential to
success in this class. Every lecture will build on the previous one, making it easy to fall behind.
Coming to class and engaging the material will help assure that doesn't happen. However, if at

any time you feel you are not fully understanding the material, please do not hesitate to e-mail me, come see me in office hours, or make an appointment.

Other Issues
I would like to hear from anyone who has a disability which may require some modification in seating, testing, or other class requirements. Please contact me in any way that is comfortable for you so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Tentative Schedule
This schedule is subject to change based on the pace of the class. Homeworks assigned are due the Monday of the following week in class. GP = General Problem set; CP = Challenge Problem set (both from Carnie).

Week	Dates	Topics	Work	Readings
1	8/25, 8/27	Fundamentals		Chp 1-3
2	9/1, 9/3	Fundamentals	**HW1 due 9/3**	Chp 1-4
3	9/8, 9/10	Trees and Hierarchical relations	**HW2 due 9/10**	Chp 4
4	9/15, 9/17	X-bar theory		Chp 6-7
5	9/22, 9/24	X-bar and functional categories	**HW3 due 9/22**	Chp 8-9
6	9/29, 10/1	Binding Theory	**HW4 due 9/29**	Chp 5, 17
7	10/6, 10/8	More Binding Theory	**HW5 due 10/8**	Chp 5, 17
8	10/13, 10/15	10/13 Review + Midterm 10/15 Wh Movement	**Midterm 10/13**	Chp 12
9	10/20, 10/22	Wh Movement		Chp 12, 10
10	10/27, 10/29	Head Movement	**HW6 due 10/29**	Chp 10
11	11/3, 11/5	Argument Movement		Chp 11, 15
12	11/10 11/12	Argument Movement; raising and control		Chp 11, 15
13	11/17, 11/19	Movement wrap up; Ellipsis	**HW 7 due 11/17**	
14	11/24, 11/26 –**No class**	VP syntax and event structure		Chp 13
15	12/1, 12/3	VP syntax; minimalism; review	**HW8 due 12/3**	Chp 13, 14
16	12/8	In-class final	**Final Exam; take home portion due 12/11 by 5pm**	

Homework Assignments

HW1:   Chapter 1: CP 2, 3
            Chapter 2: GP 6, CP 1, 2
            Chapter 3: GP 6 (a-c, n-p), 7, 12, 15

HW2:   Chp 3: CP 1, 2
            Chp 4: GP 8 (3-6), 9, 11, 15, CP 3

HW3:   Chp 6: GP 1, 4, 5, 7 (a-e)
        Chp 7: GP 1, 3, 5(e-h); CP 1

HW4   Chp 8: GP 3 (f-m), 4, 5 (a-g); CP 4, 5
        Chp 9: GP 1, 6, 8 (a,e, g)

HW5:   Chp 5: GP 2, 4; CP 1, 4
        Chp 17: GP 3, CP 3

HW6:   Chp 12: GP 1 (k-s), 5, CP 2
        Chp 10: GP 1, 2, 5, 7; CP 2

HW7:   Chp 11: GP 1, 2, 7, 8, CP 2, 3, 4
        Chp 15: GP 1, 5 (a-f); CP 1, 3,

HW8:   Chp 13: GP 3; CP 1, 3
        Chp 14: GP 5 (a-d), 6; CP 2