The instructor recommends LING 322 or equivalent

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a survey of current syntactic theory within the generative framework along the lines of the Minimalist Program. The first part of the course will be concerned with various syntactic issues in clause structure: the derivation of phrases and clauses, the issue of splitting up TP and VP into different levels of projections, cross-linguistic variation in verb-movement, and principles governing other movement phenomena such as DP- and WH-movement. The second part of the course will be concerned with various issues concerning the syntax-semantics interface, including the syntax of scope, constraints on DP interpretation reflected in Binding Theory, and reconstruction of different types of movement.

REQUIRED TEXTS:


Additional reading materials will be made available on-line through the course website or distributed in class.

COURSE GRADING

Assignments 30%
Presentation of articles 30%
Term paper: presentation 10%
Term paper: write-up 30%

Students should familiarize themselves with the Department's Standards on Class Management and Student Responsibilities at http://www.sfu.ca/linguistics/undergraduate/standards.html.

Please note that effective May 1, 2009, a grade of “FD” may be assigned as a penalty for academic dishonesty.

All student requests for accommodations for their religious practices must be made in writing by the end of the first week of classes or no later than one week after a student adds a course.

Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities (778-782-3112 or csdo@sfu.ca).