Linguistics 801
Syntax

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Prerequisites: LING 322 or equivalent recommended.

Course Description:
This course introduces the major issues in syntactic theory within the generative framework along the lines of Principles and Parameters, HPSG, LFG and Minimalism. Topics to be covered include principles that govern the derivation of phrases and sentence structures, syntactic conditions on the interpretation of different types of noun phrases, motivation and constraints on movement, and locality conditions. The theoretical concepts introduced in this course will be employed in the analysis of empirical data drawn not only from English but also from many different languages.

Course Topics:
Constituency, parts of speech, binding, case, raising, wh-movement and questions, locality constraints.

Required Texts:

Course Grading:
- Assignments 20%
- Quizzes 10%
- Tests 40%
- Midterm 20%
- Final Paper 10%

Assignments and exams will include problems that require you to account for various syntactic phenomena from different languages. They will be evaluated based on the correctness of your analysis and coherence of your argumentation.

Students should familiarize themselves with the Department's Standards on Class Management and Student Responsibilities at http://www.sfu.ca/linguistics/undergraduate/student-resources/departmentstandards.html
Please note that 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.
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