

Syntax

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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 splitting up of TP and VP into different levels of projections, crosslinguistic variation in verb movement, and principles governing other movement phenomena such as  $\bar{A}$  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:

Adger, David. 2004. Core Syntax: A Minimalist Approach. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN 0199243700 (Textbook available for purchase at the SFU Bookstore, Burnaby campus.)

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

#### COURSE GRADING

Assignments	70%
Presentation of articles	10%
Final project	20%

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

Please note that a grade of  $\bar{O}$ FD $\bar{O}$  may be assigned as a penalty for academic dishonesty.

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