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LINGUISTICS 801-4  
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 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:**

Adger, David. 2004. *Core Syntax: A Minimalist Approach*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press.