

Syntax Three

Ling 114

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Prerequisites

Prerequisites for this course are Syntax 1 and 2, which develop an understanding of generative grammar and how to investigate syntactic structures, using the standard intuitive methods. In terms of syntactic theory, students will be well versed in X-bar theory as a theory of Phrase Structure, and transformational analyses of A and A-bar movement constructions. The course will also presuppose a knowledge of the basics of semantics and phonology, such as is provided in Semantics 2 and Phonology 2.

Goals

The purpose of this course is to build on the foundation of syntactic theory and analysis that is established in Syntax I and II, introducing further empirical and theoretical dimensions and going beyond English as a language of investigation. More specifically, the course aims to introduce students to the syntactic analysis of all the well-attested word order types among languages of the world (svo, sov, vso).

Sequence of topics, roughly:

1. Some issues in the theory of phrase structure
2. Ellipsis and how it interacts with phrase structure
3. Basic Word Order
 - (a) How Turkish works
 - (b) How German works
 - (c) How Irish works
4. The Typology of Ellipsis (VP Ellipsis, V-stranding VPE, Sluicing)
5. Anaphora and Binding

The course involves some problems, some readings, and a term paper. Also a squib or two, and at

least one presentation.

The final requirement of the course is a term paper, which will be developed on a schedule approximately as follows:

WEEK 3: selection of topic

WEEK 5: progress report, including bibliography and outline

WEEK 7: first draft

WEEK 9: second draft and presentation

WEEK 10: finished paper

DRC Accommodations

If you qualify for classroom accommodations because of a disability, please get an Accommodation Authorization from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) and submit it to me in person outside of class (e.g., office hours) within the first two weeks of the quarter. Contact DRC at 459-2089 (voice), 459-4806 (TTY), or <http://drc.ucsc.edu> for more information on the requirements and or the process.