

# Syllabus

## LIN 625P---CURRENT SYNTACTIC THEORY

Second trimester, School year 2004–2005

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is an introduction to Chomsky's Minimalist Program. It aims to introduce central analytical concepts in syntax and to explore underlying principled patterns of syntax.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Reaction Sheets (Summaries/Practice Exercises) 40%

Presentation (**December 11**) 20%

Term paper (due **December 13**) 40%

Term paper: All registrants are expected to write a 7–15 (double-spaced typed) page paper using the Minimalist framework.

### **GRADING POLICY:**

- The course grade is based entirely on how well the above requirements are fulfilled; no second chances or alternative work can be given.
- Students are responsible for material and information covered in classes that they miss.

### **REQUIRED READING:**

Adger, David. 2003. *Core syntax: A minimalist approach*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### **References:**

- Carnie, Andrew. 2002. *Syntax: A generative introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.
- Ouhalla, Jamal. 1999. *Introducing transformational grammar: From Principles and Parameters to Minimalism* (Second Edition). London and New York: Arnold. Pp.403–465.
- Radford, Andrew. 1997. *Syntactic theory and the structure of English*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Radford, Andrew. 2004. *Minimalist syntax: Exploring the structure of English*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Radford, Andrew. 2004. *English syntax: An introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

### COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topic/Activity
Week 1	September 18	Orientation
Week 2	September 25	Core concepts (Ch. 1)
Week 3	October 2	Morphosyntactic features (Ch. 2)
Week 4	October 9	Morphosyntactic features (Ch. 2); Constituency and Theta-Roles (Ch. 3)
Week 5	October 16	Constituency and Theta-Roles (Ch. 3)
Week 6	October 23	Representing Phrase Structure (Ch. 4)
Week 7	October 30	Representing Phrase Structure (Ch. 4)
Week 8	November 6	Subjects and Objects (Ch. 6)
Week 9	November 13	Subjects and Objects (Ch. 6)
Week 10	November 20	Subjects and Objects (Ch. 6) Practice Exercises
Week 11	November 27	Independent Study
Week 12	December 4	Independent Study
Week 13	<b>December 11</b>	Presentation
Week 14	<b>December 13</b>	<b>Term paper due (12:00noon)</b>
Week 14	December 18	Course card distribution