

# *Ling 509 Syntactic Theory III*

## *Spring 2014*

**Location:** THO 215  
**Meeting Time:** Tue & Thu 10:30am-12:20pm  
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### **Course Description:**

In this course, we will focus on recent developments in minimalist syntax, in particular on the concept of a *phase*. The questions we will ask are:

- How do we define phases?
- What are empirical and conceptual arguments in favor of phases?
- What categories count as phases?
- Do passive and unaccusative *v*Ps count as phases?
- Do DPs count as phases?
- Do PPs count as phases?
- Is there any crosslinguistic variation with respect to phasehood?
- Do the same categories count as phases with respect to PF and LF considerations?

**Prerequisites:** LING 508 (or the equivalent, permission required)

### **Requirements:**

Active participation	10%
Homework assignments	30%
2 in-class presentations	30%
Final Paper	30%

### **Materials:**

There is no textbook for this course. Readings will be made available online.

**Course Website:** <https://catalyst.uw.edu/workspace/bcitko/44253/>

**Course Outline** (Subject to Change, Check the Updates on Course Website)

Week	Day	Topic	Readings ( to be completed before class)	Hw (due in class)
<b>I</b>	Tue 4/1	<i>Background/Review/Overview</i>		
	Thu 4/3	<i>Merge over Move</i>	Hornstein, N., J. Nunes, and K. Grohmann. 2005. Understanding Minimalism (Chapter 10, pp. 330-365) PTMS: Chapters 0, 1	
<b>II</b>	Tue 4/8	<i>Chomsky on Phases</i>	Chomsky, N. 2004. Beyond Explanatory Adequacy. In: Belletti, A. (Ed.), Structures and Beyond: The Cartography of Syntactic Structures, Volume 3. Oxford University Press, pp. 104-131. PTMS: 2	
	Thu 4/10		Chomsky, N. 2007. On Phases. In: Freidin, R., Otero, C, and Zubizarreta, M.L (Eds.): Foundational Issues in Linguistic Theory. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, pp. 133-166.  Boeckx, C and K. Grohmann. 2007. Remark: Putting phases in perspective. Syntax 10:204-222.	
<b>III</b>	Tue 4/15	<i>Phases and Successive Cyclicity</i>	Felser, Claudia. 2004. 'Wh-copying, Phases and Successive Cyclicity'. Lingua 114: 543-574.	<b>HW 1 DUE</b>
	Thu 4/17	<i>Phase Edges</i>	Manetta, Emily. 2010. Wh-Expletives in Hindi-Urdu: The vP Phase. Linguistic Inquiry 41:1-34. PTMS: 3 and 4.1	
<b>IV</b>	Tue 4/22	<i>Phase Impenetrability Condition</i>	Richards, M. 2007. 'On Feature Inheritance: An Argument from the Phase Impenetrability Condition, Linguistic Inquiry 38: 563-572.  Richards, 2011. Deriving the Edge: What's in a Phase? Syntax 14:75-94.	
	Thu 4/24	<i>Passives and Unaccusatives as Phases?</i>	Legate, Julie Anne. 2003. 'Some Interface Properties of the Phase', Linguistic Inquiry 34: 506-516.  Den Dikken, Marcel. A reappraisal of vP being phasal. Reply to Legate. Ms. PTMS: 3 and 4.2	
<b>V</b>	Tue 4/29	<i>DPs as Phases?</i>	Matushansky, O. 2005. Going through a phase. In Martha McGinnis and Norvin Richards (eds.), Perspectives on Phases. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 49. MITWPL. PTMS: 4.3	<b>HW 2 DUE</b>
	Thu 5/1	<i>DPs Continued</i>	Svenonius, Peter. 2004. On the Edge. In: D. Adger, C. de Cat and G. Tsoulas, eds, <i>Peripheries: Syntactic Edges and their Effects</i> . Kluwer, pp. 261-287.	
<b>VI</b>	Tue	<i>Applicatives as Phases?</i>	McGinnis, Martha. 2001. Variation in the Phase	

	5/6		Structure of Applicatives. Linguistic Variation Yearbook 1: 105-146.  McGinnis, Martha. 2005. UTAH at Merge: evidence from multiple applicatives. In MITWPL 49: Perspectives on Phases, ed. Martha McGinnis and Norvin Richards, 183-200. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. PTMS: 5	
	Thu 5/8	<i>PPs as Phases</i>	Abels, Klaus. 2003. Successive Cyclicity, Anti-locality and Adposition Stranding. Ph. Dissertation. Chapters 1 and 4	
<b>VII</b>	Tue 5/13	<i>Labels</i>	Chomsky, Noam. 2013. Problems of projection. Lingua 130:33-49.	
	Thu 5/15	<i>Dynamic Phases?</i>	Den Dikken, Marcel. 2007. 'Phase Extension. Contours of a Theory of the Role of Head Movement in Phrasal Extraction', Theoretical Linguistics 33:1-42. PTSM: 6.1	<b>HW 3 DUE</b>
<b>VIII</b>	Tue 5/20	<i>Variation in Phasehood</i>	Bošković, Zeljko. 2012. Now I'm a phase, now I'm not a phase: On the variability of phases with extraction and ellipsis. Ms. University of Connecticut. PTSM: 6.2	
	Thu 5/22	<i>Variation Continued</i>	Wurmbrand, Susi. 2013. QR and selection: Covert evidence for phasehood. NELS 42.  Alexiadou, A, E. Anagnostopoulou, E and S. Wurmbrand. To appear. Movement vs. long distance Agree in raising: Disappearing phases and feature valuation. NELS 43.	
<b>IX</b>	Tue 5/27	<i>Non-Simultaneous Phases</i>	Marušič, F. 2009. Non-simultaneous spell-out in clausal and nominal domain. In K. Grohmann (ed) Interphases. Oxford: OUP. pp. 151-181. PTSM: 6.2	
	Thu 5/29	<i>Phases and the Syntax-Phonology Interface</i>	Adger, David 2007. Stress and Phasal Syntax. Linguistic Analysis 33: 238-266. PTSM: 7.1	<b>HW 4 DUE</b>
<b>X</b>	Tue 6/3	<i>Ellipsis and Phases</i>	Rouveret, Alain. 2012. VP ellipsis, phases and the syntax of morphology. Natural Language and Linguistic Theory 30: 897-963.	
	Thu 6/5	<i>Wrap-up and Presentations</i>		
<b>XI</b>	<b>Tue 6/10</b>	<b><i>Final Papers Due</i></b>		