Ling 507 Syntactic Theory I
Fall 2012

Meeting Time: Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-2:20pm
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Course Description

This course is an advanced introduction to syntactic theory from the perspective of the minimalist program. Its main goal is to give you experience with analyzing primary syntactic data and reading primary literature and to provide you with the necessary background to conduct independent syntactic research.

Course Materials


selection of articles and book chapters to be made available electronically

Course Website

https://catalyst.uw.edu/workspace/bcitko/32878/

Requirements

Active participation 10%
Midterm In-Class Exam 25%
Hw Assignments 25%
Presentation 10%
Final Review Paper 30%

Readings

This is a reading intensive class. Be prepared to read on average 50 pages per class. You should complete the assigned readings before class.

Homework Assignments
They will test your comprehension of the readings as well as the ability to apply the concepts you have learned to new data.

You may work in small groups on the homework assignments; however, please write up your answers individually.

Please type your homework assignments.

Homework assignments will be graded on a 10 point scale.

**Midterm**

The midterm will cover all the material covered in class, material from all the readings, and the homework assignments.

**Participation**

The participation portion of the grade will be based on your *thoughtful* contribution to discussion of class material, both in class and on GoPost.

**Final Review Paper**

You will have to choose a topic (in consultation with me), read 3-4 papers from a major journal on this topic, and write a critical review of these papers. I will provide with more guidelines mid-quarter.

**Presentation**

Your presentation will be based on the papers you chose for the final review paper.

**Course Outline:** (this outline is tentative; it may change to reflect the pace of the class and/or our interests)

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Morphosyntactic Features

Adger Chapter 2


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Constituency and Theta Roles

HW 1 DUE

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Representing Phrase Structure

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Linking Problem

HW 2 DUE


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Functional Categories I: TP

Adger Chapter 5

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Head Movement


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Subjects and Objects

HW 3 DUE

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**DPs Continued**  
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**Student Presentations**

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**FINAL PAPERS DUE**