

## ENG 235: MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX OF ENGLISH

English Program, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Cyprus

Fall Semester 2003: Mondays & Thursdays, 1.30 - 3.00 pm — Room A 110\*

\*We will meet four times a week in the second half of the semester (details on September 8).

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### DESCRIPTION

The course examines the internal structure of words and the rules by which word formation takes place, and provides a thorough study of English grammar from a formal perspective. It examines the relationship between syntax and morphology by considering the effects that some morphological processes have on syntax. It also considers the phrase structure properties of English and develops the Government-and-Binding Theory of the Principles-and-Parameters approach to human language. It focuses on the different properties of main and embedded clauses, discusses movement operations, such as Yes/No- and Wh-questions, passives, and raising constructions, and it looks into selected further properties of issues related to clauses and nominals.

### ASSESSMENT

Regular attendance is strongly suggested! Besides the class lectures, there will be:

1. one in-class mid-term exam covering morphology (*Mid-Term Exam counts 20%*)
2. one final exam covering syntax in the exam period (*Final Exam counts 40%*)
3. one take-home exam covering everything (*Take-Home Exam counts 40%*)

### READING

There are two required textbooks, i.e. every student must have his/her own copy!

Carstairs-McCarthy, Andrew. 2002. *An Introduction to English Morphology: Words and Their Structure*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Haegeman, Liliane & Jacqueline Guéron. 1999. *English Grammar: A Generative Perspective*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Further references will be given in the first week; selected readings will be distributed in class.

### SYLLABUS

This is a thematic outline of the course, which is subject to change as we go along:

October 20: OLD COURSE PEDAGOGICAL GRAMMAR	October 20: CLASS 1 Words, Words, Words
October 23: CLASS 2 Morphemes and Allomorphs	October 23: CLASS 3 Inflectional Morphology
October 27: CLASS 4 Verbal and Nominal Inflections	October 27: CLASS 5 Derivational Morphology
October 30: CLASS 6 Nouniness and Derivations	October 30: CLASS 7 Verbalness and Derivations
November 3: CLASS 8 Compounds and Phrasal Words	November 3: CLASS 9 Morphological Structure
November 6: CLASS 10 Productivity and Historical Sources	November 6: CLASS 11 <i>Discussion and Review</i>
November 10: CLASS 12 <i>Mid-Term Exam</i>	November 10: CLASS 13 Morphophonology
November 13: CLASS 14 Argument Structure	November 13: CLASS 15 Words and Categories
November 17: CLASS 16 Phrase Structure	November 17: CLASS 17 Properties of Subjects
November 20: CLASS 18 Movement and Wh-Questions	November 20: CLASS 19 Movement and Relative Clauses
November 24: CLASS 20 Passivization and Raising	November 24: CLASS 21 Control and Empty Categories
November 27: CLASS 22 VP-Internal Subject Hypothesis	November 27: CLASS 23 Head Movement and Particles
December 1: CLASS 24 Issues in Clausal Structure	December 1: CLASS 25 Issues in Nominal Structure
December 4: CLASS 26 Further Issues in Syntax	December 4: CLASS 27 <i>Discussion and Review: PG &amp; MASOE</i>