

EINFÜHRUNGSSEMINAR SPRACHWISSENSCHAFT B SCHWERPUNKT SYNTAX

Englisches Seminar, Universität zu Köln

Winter Semester 2002/03: Thursdays, 12.00-1.30pm — Room S75

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DESCRIPTION

This seminar will provide an introduction to syntax, the study of sentence structure. Students may obtain a *Schein* on the basis of a number of short, written exercises, as well as a written test at the end of the term. The obligatory reading for this class is a textbook which every student should have a copy of (see also the **additional readings** on handouts and the *Handapparat*):

Radford, Andrew. 1997. *Syntax: A Minimalist Introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
[This is the **obligatory course reading**; I will put some additional material in the *Handapparat* in the library.]

REQUIREMENTS

You should have elementary grounding in sentence structure, acquired last semester in the *Einführungsseminar Sprachwissenschaft Teil A*. To obtain a certificate (*Schein*) you will be required to **show up for every class** (at most one unexcused miss!), **hand in your homework regularly** (see “Grading” below) and **pass a final exam** (*Klausur*).

GRADING

You will be graded for **ten exercises** (5% each = 50% altogether) and **one final exam** (50%). The outcome is your grade for the *Einführungsseminar Sprachwissenschaft Teil B*, which counts 60% of your total grade for the *Einführungsseminar Sprachwissenschaft*. (*Teil A* counts 40%). You must do the exercises **by yourself** — **plagiarism is a serious offense** and will be punished as such (read: *Kein Abschreiben!*). You will be given a total of at least **12 homework exercises** of which I grade the **best ten**. Each homework will cover the **class(es) it’s being given on**.

- Important:
- All homework exercises are due **by Thursday 10am** before the next class.
 - While I can’t force you, I would very much appreciate **typewritten** exercises.
- The **final exam** (*Klausur*), which you must do **solely by yourself**, covers the **entire course**.

SYLLABUS

<p><u>October 17: CLASS 1</u></p> <p>The Theory of Grammar Universal Grammar, nature and acquisition of language(s), Principles & Parameters Theory</p>	<p><u>October 24: CLASS 2</u></p> <p>Words and Categories lexical vs. functional categories, determination of categorial status</p>
<p><u>October 31: CLASS 3</u></p> <p>Categories and Phrases categorial constituent structure, basic phrase structure, constituency tests</p>	<p><u>November 7: CLASS 4</u></p> <p>Phrase Structure of English X⁰-Theory, clause structure of English, features, selection, embedding, types of complementation</p>
<p><u>November 14: CLASS 5</u></p> <p>C-Command and Binding Binding Theory, pronouns vs. anaphors — RECAP OF MATERIAL SO FAR</p>	<p><u>November 21: CLASS 6</u></p> <p>Empty Categories PRO and Control, empty subjects, Theta Theory I, Case Theory I</p>
<p><u>November 28: CLASS 7</u></p> <p>Case and Complementation Control vs. ECM, DP-hypothesis, Checking Theory, Case Theory II</p>	<p><u>December 5: CLASS 8</u></p> <p>Auxiliary Inversion yes/no-questions and inversion, conditions on head movement</p>
<p><u>December 12: NO CLASS</u></p> <p>OUT OF TOWN — NO CLASS! (BUT BE SURE TO DO YOUR WORK & READING!)</p>	<p><u>December 19: CLASS 9</u></p> <p>Verb Movement head movement, null subjects, <i>pro</i></p>
<p><i>Winter break — no classes, a lot of food & drink, and much time for reading!</i></p>	
<p><u>January 9: CLASS 10</u></p> <p>Wh-Movement Wh-question formation, conditions on Wh-movement, economy conditions</p>	<p><u>January 16: CLASS 11</u></p> <p>Operators and A'-Movement Wh-/Foc-/Neg-operators, A'-movement, pied-piping vs. preposition-stranding</p>
<p><u>January 23: CLASS 12</u></p> <p>Subjects VP-internal subject hypothesis, subject raising, expletives, Theta Theory II, Case Theory III</p>	<p><u>January 30: CLASS 13</u></p> <p>Raising vs. Control subject-to-subject raising, subject-to-object raising, control, more on Theta and Case I</p>
<p><u>February 6: CLASS 14</u></p> <p>A(argument)-Movement passivization, conditions on A-movement, more on Theta and Case II — REVIEW</p>	<p><u>February 13: EXAM</u></p> <p>FINAL EXAM (IN CLASS <i>KLAUSUR</i>)</p>