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## EINFÜHRUNGSEMINAR SPRACHWISSENSCHAFT B **GENERATIVE SYNTAX**

Englisches Seminar, Universität zu Köln

Summer Semester 2003: Thursdays, 12.00 - 1.30pm — Hörsaal XIII

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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 **additional readings** on handouts and material in *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 all have elementary grounding in sentence structure, acquired last semester or so in the *Einführungseminar Sprachwissenschaft Teil A*. To obtain a certificate (*Schein*) you will be required to **show up for every class** (this is for your own good!), **hand in your homework exercises regularly** (see especially “Grading” below!), and **pass a final exam** (take-home!).

### GRADING

You will be graded for **seven homework exercises** (10% each = 70% altogether) and **one final take-home exam** (30%). The outcome is your grade for the *Einführungseminar Sprachwissenschaft Teil B*, which counts 60% of your total grade. (Yes, *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 **10 homework exercises** of which I grade **the seven best**. Each homework will cover the **class(es) it's being given on**.

Important: • All homework exercises are due **by Wednesday 12pm** before the next class.  
• I only accept **typewritten** exercises, to be emailed or put in folder at my door.

The **final take-home exam**, which you must do **solely by yourself**, covers the **entire course**.

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### SYLLABUS

April 24: <u>CLASS 1</u> <b>The Theory of Grammar</b> Universal Grammar, nature and acquisition of language(s), Principles & Parameters Theory	<u>May 1: NO CLASS</u> <b>MAY DAY — NO CLASS!</b> (BUT BE SURE TO DO YOUR WORK & READING — AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS!)
<u>May 8: CLASS 2</u> <b>Words and Categories</b> lexical vs. functional categories, determination of categorial status	<u>May 15: CLASS 3</u> <b>Categories and Phrases</b> categorial constituent structure, basic phrase structure, constituency tests
<u>May 22: CLASS 4</u> <b>Phrase Structure of English</b> X'-Theory, clause structure of English, features, selection, embedding, types of complementation	<u>May 29: NO CLASS</u> <b>ASCENSION DAY — NO CLASS!</b> (BUT BE SURE TO DO YOUR WORK & READING!)
<u>June 5: CLASS 5</u> <b>C-Command and Binding</b> Binding Theory, pronouns vs. anaphors — RECAP OF MATERIAL SO FAR —	<u>June 12: NO CLASS</u> <b>WHIT HOLIDAYS — NO CLASS!</b> (BUT BE SURE TO DO YOUR WORK & READING!)
<u>June 19: NO CLASS</u> <b>CORPUS CHRISTI — NO CLASS!</b> (BUT BE SURE TO DO YOUR WORK & READING!)	<u>June 26: CLASS 6</u> <b>Case and Empty Categories</b> PRO and control, empty subjects, ECM and raising, Theta Theory, Case Theory
<u>July 3: CLASS 7</u> <b>Aux-Inversion and Verb Movement</b> yes/no-questions and inversion, head movement, conditions on head movement, null subjects, <i>pro</i>	<u>July 10: CLASS 8</u> <b>Wh-Movement in Questions</b> Wh-question formation, conditions on Wh-movement, economy conditions
<u>July 17: CLASS 9</u> <b>Operators and A'-Movement</b> Wh-/Foc-/Neg-operators, A'-movement, pied-piping vs. preposition-stranding	<u>July 24: CLASS 10</u> <b>Subjects and Raising vs. Control</b> subject-to-subject vs. -to-object raising and control, more on Theta Theory & Case Theory — REVIEW
<u>July 30: FINAL EXAM</u> <b>TAKE-HOME EXAM DUE!</b> A NICE SELECTION OF QUESTIONS COVERING THE ENTIRE COURSE	<u>July 31: CLASS 11</u> <b>Arguments and A-Movement</b> passivization, conditions on A-movement, wrapping up Theta Theory & Case Theory

**NB:** The final exam is due at 12pm the day before our last class with your last homework.