

Course Outline: Syntax 2: Theory

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURES & LINGUISTICS

Note for students: This short course outline is provided for planning purposes only. Course information is tentative and subject to change; the final course syllabus will be available by the first day of classes.

Course Code

AP/LING3140 3.0 Syntax 2: Theory

Course Description

This course is an introduction to core aspects of syntactic theory from a Minimalist generative grammar perspective. Topics include morphosyntactic features and feature checking, argument structure, functional categories, Binding Theory, head/X and phrasal/XP movement, & syntactic Case. Prerequisites: AP/LING2130 3.0 (Morphology) and AP/LING2140 3.0 (Syntax I: Analysis), with a grade of C or above (for Cognitive Science majors it's *either* Morphology *or* Syntax 1: Analysis).

Course Delivery

Delivery Mode: In-person Lectures

Course Materials

Textbook: Adger, David. 2003. Core Syntax: A Minimalist Approach, (roughly, chapters 1-7/8). Oxford University Press.¹

- Available from the bookstore, Amazon.ca, etc.
- Placed on 2-hour reserve at Scott Library

Handouts posted in eClass

Tentative Grade Breakdown and Deadlines

Assessment	Weight	Mode	Tentative Deadline
Assignment	20%	Take-home, can be joint work	October 21
Test 1	25%	In-person, in class	September 30

¹ AP/LING4140 3.0 (Advanced Syntax) continues with the same textbook.

Assessment	Weight	Mode	Tentative Deadline
Test 2	25%	In-person, in class	November 11
Test 3	20%	In-person, in class	December 7
Homework/Participation	10%	Take-home exercises marked only for completeness	Sept 23 - December 7
	100%		