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Syntax 1  
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### Topics:

**General Topics:** Universal Grammar, Parameters, Constituency, Displacement, the model of the grammar

**Global Questions:** How are linguistic structures built? Where do linguistic principles apply (at D-structure, S-structure, and LF or only at LF)?

**X-bar theory :** specifiers vs. complements, arguments vs. adjuncts, similarities between nominal and sentential structure

**Case theory :** abstract, inherent, and morphological case. The Case filter. The visibility hypothesis. The relationship between case and theta-roles and Expletives. ECM. nominative-accusative vs. ergative-absolutive patterns.

**Binding Theory :** Conditions A, B, and C, the role of structural relationships such as c-command, the role of locality, binding domains

**A-movement :** Raising movement, distinction between raising and control, PRO and *pro*, Movement in Passives, Burzio's Generalization. Case as motivation for movement.

**A'-movement** : wh-movement, relativization, clefts; potentially unbounded nature, constraints on A-bar movements, islands. Decomposition of islands into subjacency and the Empty Category Principle. Argument-adjunct asymmetries. Successive cyclic nature of wh-movement. Reconstruction effects. Other properties of A-bar movement: Strong Crossover, Weak Crossover, Parasitic Gaps, properties of A-bar traces.

**Head-movement** : the English auxiliary system, English vs. French, V2 in Germanic languages. Nature of constraints on movement. Locality effects on movement - relativized minimality effects.

Text: *Lecture Notes for an introductory syntax course* by Kyle Johnson, available in pdf format at [http://www-unix.oit.umass.edu/~kbj/ling201h/index\\_201h.htm](http://www-unix.oit.umass.edu/~kbj/ling201h/index_201h.htm) (click on 'Graduate Syntax Class')

Reference texts:

1. *Introduction to Government and Binding Theory, 2nd edn.*, Liliane Haegeman, Blackwell, 1994. (ISBN: 0-631-19067-8)
2. *Syntactic Structures Revisited*, Howard Lasnik, MIT Press, 2000. (ISBN: 0-262-62133-9)
3. *Principles and Parameters*, Peter Culicover, Oxford, 1997. (ISBN: 0-19-870014-8)

**Requirements:** vigorous participation in class discussion, regular homework assignments, one mid-term exam and a final exam.

Grading will be based on: class participation (10%), homework exercises (40%, approximately one a week), a midterm exam (20%), and a final exam (30%). Both the exams will be take home exams. Homeworks will be discussed during office hours.

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