

Course description

Descriptif du cours

Department : English

Instructor (s): Imed Ben Ammar

Academic year: 2021/2022

Level: M1

Course title: Introduction to Syntactic Theory

Course outline:

1. Introduction to the UG Framework
2. Principles and Parameters
3. Models of Grammar
 - TGG
 - X'-Syntax
 - Government-Binding
4. Introduction to *Minimalism*

Course description: This course is concerned with a number of concepts and principles which have been of central significance in the various developments of syntactic theory, with special focus on the "Government and Binding" (GB) model of grammar and the "Principles and Parameters" theory.

The course aims principally at familiarizing students with certain key concepts in Generative Syntax such *phrase structure, argument structure, movement, binding, etc.*

The goal of the course is also to understand why certain syntactic issues and phenomena have been treated in different ways. Thus, on many occasions a variety of approaches will be discussed, and the (recent) historical developments of these approaches will be emphasized.

Method of evaluation:

- Homeworks
- Final exam

References:

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-Lasnik, H. (2014): "The Theory of Principles and Parameters." In N. Chomsky, ed., (2014), *The Minimalist Program*. MIT Press.

-Rizzi, L. and G. Cinque (2016): "Functional Categories and Syntactic Theory." *Annual Review of Linguistics* **2**, 2016.