Ling 620 Advanced Formal Syntax

Fall 2016
TuTh 11:00am–12:15pm
Room NE-085
Schedule # 22060

This course serves as an introduction to the study of syntax within the Lexical-Functional Grammar (LFG), a lexicalist constraint-based grammar framework.. We will explore a number of phenomena of natural language morphosyntax in a variety of typologically diverse languages. Topics to be covered include relative and interrogative clauses, auxiliaries and clause structure, mixed category constructions, and computational grammars.

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Requirements:

The grade for the course will be based on readings and problem sets (20%), a take-home midterm exam (40%), and a take-home final exam (40%). Working in groups on homework assignments is encouraged. However, please turn in your own individual write-up. Late homeworks will be accepted (with a grade penalty) for **one week only** after the deadline.

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Readings:

The text book for this course is:

> Paul Kroeger. 2004. *Analyzing Syntax: A Lexical-Functional Approach.* Cambridge University Press.

All course information, readings, assignments, slides, etc. will be available on Blackboard. Additional readings will be made available in class or via the "Course documents" section of the course website.

Proposed schedule:

Week 1	Frameworks and theories, intro to LFG	Kroeger 1
Week 2, 3	Constituency and constructions	Kroeger 2–3
Week 4, 5	Pronouns	Kroeger 4
Week 6, 7	Raising and control	Kroeger 5
Week 8	Midterm	
Week 9	Pragmatic functions	Kroeger 6
Week 10, 11	Long distance dependencies	Kroeger 7
Week 12	Causatives	Kroeger 8
Week 13, 14	Subjecthood	Kroeger 10–11
Week 15	Wrap up and review	