

Ling 620 Advanced Formal Syntax

Fall 2019

TuTh 12:30pm–1:45pm

Room EBA-245

Schedule # 22169

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.

Readings

The text book for this course is:

Kersti Börjars, Rachel Nordlinger, and Louisa Sadler. *Lexical-Functional Grammar: An Introduction*. 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.

General policies

- **There will be no make-up exams without prior arrangements. If you can't make it to an exam, let me know **in advance!****
- No form of academic dishonesty, including cheating or plagiarism, will be tolerated in the class. Following Executive Order 1006, all instances of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities for investigation. For more information about the judicial process, see <http://csrr.sdsu.edu>. For more information about what plagiarism is and how to avoid it, see <http://its.sdsu.edu/tech/plagiarism.html>.
- No one may record lectures or class discussions without prior permission. Students who make recordings without permission can be reported for misconduct.
- If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact Student Disability Services at (619) 594-6473. To avoid any delay in the receipt of your accommodations, you should contact Student Disability Services as soon as possible. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive, and that I cannot provide accommodations based upon disability until I have received an accommodation letter from Student Disability Services. Your cooperation is appreciated.
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Proposed schedule

Week 1	Frameworks and theories, intro to LFG	Chapter 1
Week 2, 3	Constituency and constructions	Chapter 2, 3
Week 4, 5	Morphosyntax	Chapter 4
Week 6, 7	Raising and control	Chapter 5
Week 8	Midterm	
Week 9, 10	Long distance dependencies	Chapter 6
Week 11	Pronouns	Chapter 7
Week 12	Lexical Mapping Theory	Chapter 8
Week 13, 14	Computational grammars	
Week 15	Wrap up and review	