



Course description:

This course is a detailed study of the English syntax within certain linguistic framework, in particular the transformational and functional frameworks. Major syntactic processes and categories will be emphasized, viz., complementation, nominalization, predication, subordination, conjoining, negation, modality, tense, aspect, substitution, ellipsis, etc.

Aims of the course:

1. Understanding the syntax of a language
2. Describing the grammatical system of English
3. Being aware of the syntactic theories
4. Practicing the language in its real situations
5. Analyzing the syntactic structure of English
6. Understanding the framework of English syntax
7. Understanding and applying the syntactic theories

Intended Learning Outcomes: (ILOs)

A. Knowledge and Understanding

A1. Concepts and Theories: Understanding the major concepts of syntactic analysis

A2. Contemporary Trends, Problems and Research:

Dealing with various problems related to the English syntactic system

A3. Professional Responsibility:

Handling the English syntactic system

B. Subject-specific skills

B1. Problem solving skills:

Strengthening students performance while producing different sentence types

B2. Modeling and Design:

Transformational and functional approaches will be dealt with while analyzing the structure

B3. Application of Methods and Tools:.

C. Critical-Thinking Skills

C1. Analytic skills: Assess

Giving students different opportunities to present the course material

Course structures:

Week	Credit Hours	ILOs	Topics	Teaching Procedure	Assessment methods
1&2	6	A1,A2	Syntactic framework and major concepts	Lecturing and presentations	
3	3	A3,B2	Basic sentence structure	Lecturing and presentation	
4&5	6	A3,c1	Immediate constituent approach and phrase	Lecturing and presentation	

				structure Grammar		
6&7		6	A1,B2	Types of ambiguity		Lecturing and presentation
8&9		6	A3,B1	Surface and deep structures		Lecturing and presentation
10&11		6	A2,B2	Syntactic processes and categories		Lecturing and presentation
12&13&14		9	A1,B2	Term Paper presentation		Lecturing and presen tation
15&16		6		Revision		

References:

A. Main Textbook:

1. Akmajian, Adrian and Heny. 1980. An Introduction to the Principles of Transformational Syntax.
2. Chomsky, Noam. Aspects of the theory of syntax.

B. Supplementary Textbook(s):

Quirk. A Grammar of contemporary English.

Assessment Methods:

Methods	Grade	Date
Presentations	10%	
Mid- term exam	30%	
Term paper	20%	
Final Exam	40%	