

LING 301 Syntax I Fall 2017

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

Primarily, this course is an introduction to syntactic theory. We will explore the questions the field asks, the methodologies employed, and some of the main generalisations that have been drawn. Inclass discussion will focus on English, though problem sets may cover other languages.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Students should be able to complete tree drawing exercises, especially for English. Students should be able to replicate the basic of reasoning underlying notions of constituent structure, basic binding theory, and subjacency.

#### **OUTCOMES**

Students will have a strong grasp of tree drawing based on reasoning drawn from constituency and linear order. Students will have experience in creating the English language examples necessary to argue a specific point.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES**

Problem Sets 25% (5 x 5%) In-Class Quizzes 15% (5 X 3%, best 5 of 7) Midterm Exam (in class) 25% Final Exam 35%

#### GRADING SCALE

A+ = 100-97 A = 93-96 A- = 92-88 B+ = 87-83 B = 82-78 B- = 77-73 C+ = 72-68 C = 67-63 C- = 62-58 D+ = 57-53 D = 52-50 F = 49%

#### **REQUIRED TEXTS**

Sportiche, Dominique; Hilda Koopman and Edward Stabler. 2013. *An Introduction to Syntactic Analysis and Theory*. Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.

Plus one chapter (posted to D2L) from

Isac, Daniela and Charles Reiss. 2012. *I-Language: An Introduction to Linguistics as Cognitive Science*. Oxford University Press.



#### **COURSE NOTES**

All homework should be typed, though hand-drawn trees will be permitted.

Policies with respect to missed due dates/midterms are discussed in the course syllabus on D2L.

With 2 quizzes not counting, make-up quizzes will only be offered in cases where the student unavoidably misses 3 or more, subject to satisfactory documentation being provided.

#### ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

- 1. **Plagiarism** is a serious offence, the penalty for which is an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. Plagiarism exists when:
- a) the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);
- b) parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;
- c) the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source, and/or
- d) a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted." Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

- 2. **Cheating** at tests or examinations includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct such as speaking to other candidates or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever; bringing into the examination room any textbook, notebook, memorandum, other written material or mechanical or electronic device not authorized by the examiner; writing an examination or part of it, or consulting any person or materials outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so, or leaving answer papers exposed to view, or persistent attempts to read other students' examination papers.
- 3. **Other academic misconduct** includes, but is not limited to, tampering or attempts to tamper with examination scripts, class work, grades and/or class records; failure to abide by directions by an instructor regarding the individuality of work handed in; the acquisition, attempted acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of examination materials or information not authorized by the instructor; the impersonation of another student in an examination or other class assignment; the falsification or fabrication of clinical or laboratory reports; the non-authorized tape recording of lectures.
- 4. Any student who voluntarily and consciously aids another student in the commission of one of these offences is also guilty of academic misconduct.

#### **DISABILITIES AND ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services office at 403-210-6019 or <a href="mailto:access@ucalgary.ca">access@ucalgary.ca</a>; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/access/">www.ucalgary.ca/access/</a>

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.



The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy\_0.pdf

#### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINTS**

Craigie Hall: Professional Faculties food court (alternate: Education Block food court)
Education Block and Tower: Scurfield Hall atrium (alternate: Professional Faculties food court)
Kinesiology: north courtyard, MacEwan Student Centre (alternate: University Theatres lobby)
For the complete list of assembly points please consult
http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints

#### **FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES**

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information
  Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at
  403-220-3580 or email us at <a href="mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca">artsads@ucalgary.ca</a>. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts
  website at <a href="mailto:http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate">http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate</a> which has detailed information on common
  academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it.

Please see <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy">http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy</a> for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

### INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

### **SAFEWALK**

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Web: <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk">http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk</a>

#### STUDENT UNION INFORMATION

Representatives and contact details: <a href="http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/home/contact.html">http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/home/contact.html</a>
Student Ombudsman: <a href="http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html">http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-rights.html</a>

### WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Writing skills should cross all disciplines. Students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing



in their courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office (<a href="http://www.efwr.ucalgary.ca/">http://www.efwr.ucalgary.ca/</a>) can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.