



King Saud University

Course Syllabus

College of Arts

Semester: II

Academic Year: 1436/1437 (2015/2016)

**Instructor's information:**

<b>Instructor's name</b>	May A. Abumelha
<b>Office Hours</b>	10:00 – 11:00 Sun, Tue, Thu 12:00-13:00 Tue
<b>Office number</b>	93
<b>Email address</b>	mabumelha@ksu.edu.sa

**Course information:**

<b>Course Title</b>	Syntactic theory
<b>Course Number</b>	416
<b>Course description</b>	The course aims at introducing the basic syntactic theories of generative transformational grammar.
<b>Textbook</b>	Larson, R. (2009). Grammar as Science. MIT Press.
<b>Additional text</b>	Carnie, Andrew. (2011). Modern Syntax: A Course Book. Cambridge UP

**Methods of assessment:**

Type	Distribution of Marks	Date of Administration	Date of Feed-back (approximate)*
<b>Midterm 30%</b>	2 exams each is 15%	<b>Midterm 1: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Midterm 2: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Within one week after the test.
<b>Quiz (3) 15%</b>	Three quizzes out of 5	Quiz 1: Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	
		Quiz 2: Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
		Quiz 3: Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr <b>NO MAKE UP</b>	
<b>Assignments 10%</b>		Throughout the semester: in class + homework <b>NO MAKE UP</b>	Next class.
<b>Project 5%</b>		21 <sup>st</sup> May	Within two days.
<b>Final Exam 40%</b>			

**Additional notes (such as makeup policy):**

Only **ONE** Make up exam will be held at the end of the semester on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 12-1. All topics included upon providing an acceptable excuse.

## Weekly Syllabus:

<i>Week</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Topic</i>
1	5-9 Feb	Introduction to the course- Syntactic theory What is syntax about? Worksheet 1
2	12-16 Feb	Generating rules Using Syntactica© software: Basics
3	19-23Feb	Testing rules Worksheet 2 <b>Quiz 1</b>
4	26 Feb- 2 Mar	Categories: parts of speech + Handouts & worksheet 3 Constituency
5	5 -9 Mar	Tree relations Worksheet 4 Syntactica © Working with rules and files
6	12-16 Mar	<b>Quiz 2</b> Phrase structure rules
7	19 -23 Mar	Possessive NPs Worksheet 5 Revision
8	26 -30Mar	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March Midterm 1</b>
<b>Break</b>		
10	9-13 Apr	Part IV Arguing for a Theory
11	16-20Apr	Features, heads and phrases
12	23-27 Apr	Complements, adjuncts & constituency <b>Quiz 3</b>
13	30 Apr -4 May	X-bar theory
14	7 -11 May	Movement
15	14- 18 May	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May Midterm 2</b> Working on term paper: discussion & questions
16	21 May	Revision
17	28 May	Finals general courses
18	4 Jun	Finals department exams

## Ground Rules (e.g.attendance policy, plagiarism):

- 1- Class will start at 8:00 and attendance will be taken at 8:10. After taking attendance you will be marked "late" and every two will be considered an absence.
- 2- Attendance and participation are very important.
- 3- Plagiarism is NOT tolerated. Plagiarized papers are given a ZERO.
- 4- Dates of the exams and quizzes are FIXED and non-negotiable.
- 5- You are more than welcome to ask any questions and discuss your progress with me in class or at my office during office hours, office 93 on the third floor.