

Course Title: Introduction to Syntax

Course description:

This course provides an introduction to the scientific study of sentence structure in natural human languages.

The syntax is a branch of linguistics that studies how words combine to form larger units such as sentences. Key concepts in syntax are word order and the relation between form and meaning.

What will you learn?

Students will gain a basic understanding of some of the key concepts of modern syntactic theory. They will learn to use these concepts to analyze and describe sentence structure. Some of the topics we will study together are:

- phrase structure
- types of syntactic constituents
- syntactic functions
- Universal Grammar and the Innateness of Language

Why study syntax?

The syntax is one of the key branches of linguistics. Studying syntax is essential to truly understand how languages work; it is also the doorway to future research on all language-related disciplines, including Natural Language Processing!

Syllabus: all material to be provided by the lecturer.

Level: beginner. No previous knowledge of syntax is required.

Course breakdown:

- Lesson 1: Key concepts in Generative Grammar
- Lesson 2: Parts of Speech
- Lesson 3: Constituency and Syntactic Trees
- Lesson 4: X-bar Theory

Intro to Syntax, lecture 1 - Elena Callegari

Time: Apr 5, 2022 05:15 PM Prague Bratislava

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Intro to Syntax, lecture 2 - Elena Callegari

Time: Apr 8, 2022 05:15 PM Prague Bratislava

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Intro to Syntax, lecture 3 - Elena Callegari

Time: Apr 12, 2022 05:15 PM Prague Bratislava

<https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/68533015543>

Meeting ID: 685 3301 5543

Intro to Syntax, lecture 4 - Elena Callegari

Time: Apr 14, 2022 05:15 PM Prague Bratislava

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Meeting ID: 659 0652 8697

All classes are 1 h and 30 minutes.