

Syllabus - Spring 2009

Linguistics 309: Syntactic Analysis

*** This syllabus is tentative and subject to revision at the instructor's discretion. ***

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Text: Haegeman, Liliane. 1994. *Introduction to Government and Binding Theory*. Second Edition. Blackwell Publishing.

Assignments: There will be three homework assignments. These must be completed and handed in at the beginning of class on the date listed in the schedule below. Late assignments will not be accepted, and extensions will only be granted prior to the date the assignment is due. Each missing or incomplete assignment will result in 5% being deducted from the final grade.

Exams: There will be three exams. Exams are cumulative, but each focuses on a section of the course as listed in the schedule below. Missed exams cannot be made up, and arrangements for alternate dates/times must be made at least one week prior to the scheduled exam time. There will be no midterm exam and no final exam.

Grade Grubbing: "Grade grubbing" will not be tolerated. 5% will be deducted from a student's the final grade for each occurrence. If a student feels, for example, that a mistake has been made in the grading of an exam, they may ask once for the instructor to reconsider the grade. Any further argument or pleading after the instructor has made a decision will be considered grade grubbing.

Grading: The final grade will be the average of the three exam grades minus any penalties for missed assignments. The grading scale is as follows:

98% - 100%	A	80% - 82%	C
95% - 97%	A-	77% - 79%	C-
92% - 94%	B+	74% - 76%	D+
89% - 91%	B	71% - 73%	D
86% - 88%	B-	68% - 70%	D-
83% - 85%	C+	0% - 67%	F

For those taking the course Pass/Fail, the exam average minus any penalties for missed assignments must be 80% or higher to receive a Pass.

Reading, Assignment, and Exam Schedule

Jan. 12	
Jan. 14	Haegeman Introduction
Jan. 19	<i>Martin Luther King Holiday</i>
Jan. 21	Haegeman Chp. 1 The Lexicon and Sentence Structure
Jan. 26	
Jan. 28	Haegeman Chp. 2 Phrase Structure
Feb. 2	
Feb. 4	Haegeman Chp. 3 Case Theory
Feb. 9	
Feb. 11	Assignment 1 Due

Feb. 16	Exam 1
Feb. 18	Haegeman Chp. 4 Anaphoric Relations and Overt NPs
Feb. 23	
Feb. 25	Haegeman Chp. 5 Non-Overt Categories: PRO and Control
Mar. 2	
Mar. 4	Haegeman Chp. 6 Transformations: NP-Movement
Mar. 9	<i>Spring Break</i>
Mar. 11	<i>Spring Break</i>
Mar. 16	
Mar. 18	Assignment 2 Due
Mar. 23	Exam 2
Mar. 25	Haegeman Chp. 7 Wh-Movement
Mar. 30	
Apr. 1	Haegeman Chp. 8 An Inventory of Empty Categories
Apr. 6	
Apr. 8	Haegeman Chp. 10 Barriers
Apr. 13	
Apr. 15	
Apr. 20	Assignment 3 Due
Apr. 22	Exam 3