

Syntax Seminar
BBN-ANG-252
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group g Thursday 15:30–17:00, R326, DELG
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1 Overview

The course aims to introduce students to basic concepts of syntax and the main principles of syntactic analysis. Considering data from English and other languages, we will discuss such topics as constituency, hierarchical structure, X-bar syntax, clausal syntax, and syntax of nominal phrases. In addition to this course, students are advised to also attend the Syntax lecture (BBN-ANG-251).

2 Readings and course materials

Obligatory: Mark Newson et al. 2006. Basic English Syntax with Exercises. Budapest: Bölcsész Konzorcium (henceforth abbreviated as ‘BESE’). You are expected to read all chapters of BESE, in full. The course materials will be uploaded to:

<http://seas3.elte.hu/coursematerial/GeorgievaEkaterina/index.html>

3 Preliminary schedule

Date	Topic	Reading
15/2	Introduction: rules, phrases, categories	BESE 1.1-2, partly 1.3, 2.1.1-2, 2.1.6, 2.1.7
22/2	Constituents	BESE 2.1.5, 2.3
29/2	Argument structure	BESE 1.2, 1.3, 2.2
7/3	X-bar theory	BESE: 3.1
14/3	The extended verb phrase	BESE: 5.2
21/3	In-class practice; mid-term test	
28/3	<i>spring break</i>	
4/4	Discussion of the mid-term test	
11/4	<i>tba</i>	
18/4	<i>tba</i>	
25/4	<i>tba</i>	
2/5	<i>tba</i>	
9/5	<i>tba</i>	
16/5	Final in-class written exam	

4 Grading

One final in-class written exam, administered in the last week of the teaching semester. The exam will consist of the tasks very similar to those in the non-grade home assignments and the ones covered in class. Those who do not write the final exam will not pass the course.

Mid-term test: it is obligatory – it is a pre-test (“beugró”). This means that if you do not submit it, you will not be allowed to take the final exam. The mid-term test itself will not be graded but it might be used for rounding.