

COURSE TITLE: 21517 Sintaxi Anglesa I

SEMESTER: Semestre A

CREDITS: 5

COURSE TEACHER: Montserrat Capdevila, Melissa Moyer

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT:

The final grade will be based on the February exam, class participation and discussion of exercises. Exercise assignments will be collected on a regular basis.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT:

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the essential facts of English syntax related to the simple sentence and its main constituents. Throughout the course fundamental notions of syntax- such as syntactic category, phrasal projection (heads and complements), predicate and argument, derived and non-derived structure- will be explained and they will be used to provide a description of the structure of simple sentences of English.

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- Aarts, B. 1997. *Modern Linguistics. English sentence and argument*. London: Macmillan.
- Baker, C.L. 1995. 2nd edition. *English syntax*. Cambridge, Ma: The MIT Press.
- Haeggegan, L. 1994, 2nd edition. *Government and Binding Theory*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Levin, Beth. 1993. *English verb classes and alternations*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.
(An excellent reference book for different types of verb classes. examples are provided to illustrate the different verb types).
- Muñoz, Carme. 1994. *Clause analysis. A practical approach*. Barcelona: PPU.
(An index of different verb types and exercises pertaining to the structure of English VPs are provided.)
- Quirk, R. et al. 1973. *A university grammar of English*. London: Longman.
- Radford, A. 1988. *Transformational grammar. A first course*. Cambridge: CUP
(This book is particularly helpful for going over the syntactic arguments for syntactic constituents words and phrases.)
- Radford, A. 1997. *Syntactic theory and the structure of English*. Cambridge: CUP.
(A more detailed theoretical account of the minimalist program and of the theoretical points which are discussed in class.)
- Tallerman, M. 1998. *Understanding syntax*. London: Arnold.
- Wekker, H. And L. Haeggegan. 1985. *A modern course in English grammar*. London: Croom Helm.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

Specific readings and exercises will be distributed through the photocopy services. Theoretical lectures will be accompanied by exercises that will be corrected in class.