SUBJECT: SINTAXI ANGLESA AVANÇADA

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OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the course is to provide the students with sufficient information for them to be able to understand the essence of generative and transformational grammar. The course will first address the claim that language has structure and then it will consider the basic structural units (categories) and processes proposed by this model in order to analyse English sentences.

TOPICS

- 1. Language structure. The structure dependence of grammatical operations.
- 2. Phrase structure: Categories and projections
- 3. Syntactically active invisible elements: Empty categories, traces, PRO
- 4. Grammatical operations: Movement
- 5. Grammatical relations: Binding

(A more detailed program will be provided when the course begins)

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Final exam. A selection of questions from the 5 topics above.

Note: The level of English will be taken into account when assessing hand-in work, exams and in the final grade.

REFERENCES

Cook, V.J. & M. Newson (1996) Chomsky's Universal Grammar, Oxford: Blackwell. Haegeman, L. (1991) Introduction to Government and Binding Theory, Oxford: Blackwell.

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