BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

This course will be devoted to the analysis of syntactic notions in some detail. In particular, we will consider: categories, rules, structure, empty categories, as well as the notion of grammar. All of these notions will be studied in the light of specific examples from English and we will also devote part of the course to the comparison and constrast of English with other languages. We will also briefly consider how adult English differs from child English.

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this course is to analyze in detail the syntactic component of language. More specifically, students will be taught how to identify the primitive elements of syntax and the basic operations underlying sentences. Students will also be introduced to syntactic argumentation, and to the critical assessment of different grammatical models.

ASSESSMENT

The course will be assessed as follows:
3. A group presentation (10%) plus its corresponding written version (20%)
4. A final question-exercise exam on the contents of whole course (70%)

SYLLABUS

1. Categories
2. Structure
3. Rules
4. Empty categories
5. Grammar

BIBLIOGRAPHY / MATERIALS


**OTHER COMMENTS:**

This course is intended to follow the compulsory course English Syntax.