

Subject:	PROBLEMES DE SINTAXI ANGLESA
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

The main aim of this course is to analyse and discuss specific problematic areas of English syntax within the theoretical framework of Generative Grammar (Principles and Parameters) and to develop students' basis for making critical evaluations. The course focuses on specific syntactic constructions which have not been dealt with in previous more general introductory courses on syntax and which are problematic from a syntactic point of view. Different alternative analyses are put forward and students have to critically evaluate them and present solid syntactic arguments in favour or against them.

OBJECTIVES

Students should be able to: (i) understand and explain the problem a given construction presents in the light of the generative framework; (ii) elaborate possible analyses and present arguments; and (iii) critically evaluate the syntactic analyses.

SYLLABUS

1. Introduction.
2. Double Object constructions in English
3. Prepositional verbs versus phrasal verbs.
4. The syntactic analysis of aspect in English.
5. The different realization of subjects.
6. Negative inversion.

ASSESSMENT

The course will be evaluated as follows:

- Final exam (50%).
- Written project (25%)
- Class participation (10%)
- Work done in the "tutoria integrada" (15%).

Note: the level of English will be taken into account when correcting exams and in the final assessment.

TUTORIALS

The *Tutoria Integrada* will be done virtually through *Campus Virtual*. There will be a series of assignments which will involve reading some texts and answering some practical questions.

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