

**Course Syllabus**  
**Syntax and Morphology (731495-3)**  
**First Semester 1439/1440**

## **1 Instructor's Details:**

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## **2 Class meetings**

Group 5: Tuesday 1 - 2 (8:00 - 9:40) in B-209, Thursday 6 (1:00 - 1:50) in B-209

## **3 Textbooks**

- Carstairs-McCarthy, Andrew. 2002. *An Introduction to English Morphology: Words and Their Structure*, First Edition. MPG Ltd, Bodmin.
- Radford, Andrew. 2009. *An Introduction to English Sentence Structure*, First Edition. Cambridge University Press.

## **4 Course Description**

This course introduces the students to the main concepts in morphology and syntax and applies these concepts to English words and structures. The morphology part of the course focuses on basic distinctions in word structure, such as the different types of morphemes and word formation processes. The student will also be able to represent the (hierarchical) structure of words using tree diagrams. The syntax part of the course introduces parts of the Minimalist approach - the current widely used syntactic theory. The students will be introduced to the basic concepts of this theory and they will be trained to apply these concepts in analysing English sentences.

## 5 Course Learning Outcomes

### 1. Knowledge

- (a) Identify the types of morphemes, words, and word formation processes.
- (b) Define basic principles and concepts of Minimalist Syntax.
- (c) Explain the different diagnostic tools for sentence structure.
- (d) Classify constituents into different types.
- (e) State the different components of the hierarchy of projections.

### 2. Cognitive Skills

- (a) Determine the constituency of a sentence.
- (b) Identify the head of a given structure.
- (c) Analyse simple and complex sentences using tree diagram.
- (d) Identify the types of null constituents used in different structures.
- (e) Show the basic cases of movement in different structures.

### 3. Interpersonal Skills and Responsibility

- (a) show self-responsibility and demonstrate ability in developing learning and academic skills on individual basis.
- (b) demonstrate ability and discipline in working within a team and/or individually

### 4. Communication, Information Technology, Numerical

- (a) use online and digital resources. These include online databases, eLearning platforms and applications.
- (b) communicate effectively using the English language.p[

## 6 Evaluation

Morphology	5 %
2 Quizzes	40 %
Course Work	5 %
Final Exam	50 %

## 7 Policies

1. Regular attendance is required. Any student who misses 25% (12 hours) of the classes will be denied entry to the final exam.
2. Please try your best to come to class on time. Late entry may be denied.
3. In case of absence during one quiz, the student will lose the mark unless she provides a valid excuse supported with some documentation. If the excuse is accepted, the mark of the second quiz will be doubled.
4. Please make sure you are familiar with the university's elearning website (<http://elearn.uqu.edu.sa>). The user name and password you should are the same as the other university electronic services, such as email and the E-Gate. This website is very important for the course, as you will find the class slides, announcements, and other course material there.
5. Online quizzes will be available on the course's page on Elearn. Please attempt these before their deadlines.
6. The instructor will sometimes need to contact you through the university's system using your university email. To make sure you do not miss any important information, please check your university email regularly.
7. Assignments must be done individually, unless otherwise specified. The instructor has the right to reject any assignment she suspects may not be the student's own work. Late assignments WILL be rejected.
8. The course outline provided below is tentative. Changes to the exam dates will be confirmed in advance and announced on Elearn.

## 8 Tentative Course Outline

Week No.	Starting Date	Material
Week 1	22/12	Introduction & Morphology 3-4
Week 2	29/12?	Morphology 5 & Grammar
Week 3	6/1	(Morphology Quiz)
Week 4	13/1	Structure
Week 5	20/1	
Week 6	27/1	
Week 7	5/2	Quiz 1*
Week 8	12/2	Null Constituents
Week 9	19/2	
Week 10	26/2	
Week 11	3/3	Head Movement & Thur(Quiz 2*)
Week 12	10/3	Head Movement
Week 13	17/3	Wh- Movement
Week 14	24/3	
Week 15	2/4	General Practice
Starting 9/4	Ending 20/4	Final Exams

\*Pending confirmation