



**PÁZMÁNY**

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## Doktori és Habilitációs Iroda

Intézményi azonosító: FI79633  
1088 Budapest, Mikszáth tér 1.

### Doctoral School of Linguistics

#### Course description

Course title: Syntax	Semester:
Course code: BNY-DK-001A	
Instructor's name: Surányi Balázs	<u>Lecture</u> – seminar (please underline)

#### Course content/topics

The course introduces students to the syntax of human languages, adopting a generative syntactic approach. Students will be familiarised with the basic concepts, aims and methods of syntactic theory, as well as with the possibilities of analysing core syntactic phenomena in human languages, with a main focus on the English language. The main topics covered include the following. Objectives of grammatical modelling; external and internal language, methodological issues. Syntactic categories: word classes in syntax, categories of phrases, the roles of syntactic phrases in sentences. Syntactic structure: syntactic constituents, testing syntactic structure, representations of syntactic structure. The internal structure of phrases: hierarchical structure within phrases, complements, adjuncts, specifiers. Selection and argument structure, expletives. Functional structure: the functional structure of the sentence.

#### Readings:

Selected sections from:

Carnie, A. 2012. Syntax: A generative introduction. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell

Haegeman, L. & J. Guéron. 1999. English Grammar. A generative perspective. Oxford: Blackwell.

Radford, A. 1988. Transformational Grammar. A First Course. Cambridge: CUP.

#### Requirements:

Written endterm examination