

COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course unit title	Research field, branch, code	Faculty	Department, Institute
Theoretical syntax	Philology, Linguistics, H004	Philology	Institute for the Languages and Cultures of the Baltic

Study cycle	3 rd (doctoral)
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Mode of delivery	ECTS credits	Type of the course unit	Language of instruction
Contact (lectures, workshops, tutorials)	8		
Individual or in a group			

Annotation of the course content

This course is intended for students who, during their BA and MA studies, had only a basic training in syntax. Its goal is to familiarize PhD students with the multiplicity of syntactic approaches, with the assumptions underlying Phrase Structure Syntax and Dependency Syntax, and with schools and competing developments within both models of syntax. In order to establish a connection with other courses on the doctoral programme, the syntax-semantics interface is also dealt with. Readings and thematic focus may be adapted to the special needs of the participants.

List of topics:

- Phrase Structure Syntax and its treatment in various theoretical models (Carnie 2010)
- Recent tendencies in Dependency Syntax (Osborne 2019)
- Discussions on headedness as an introduction to the logic of syntactic argumentation (Zwicky 1985, Hudson 1987, Zwicky 1993)
- Critical review of syntactic theories (Matthews 2007)
- The syntax-semantics interface (Givón 2001)

Reading

Carnie, Andrew. 2010. *Constituent Structure*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Osborne, Timothy, 2019, *A Dependency Grammar of English*, Amsterdam-Philadelphia: John Benjamins

Zwicky, Arnold: Heads, *Journal of Linguistics* 21, 1985, 1-29; Hudson, Richard: Zwicky on heads, *Journal of Linguistics* 23, 1987, 109-132; Zwicky, Arnold, Heads, bases and functors, in: Corbett, Fraser & McGlashan, eds., *Heads in Grammatical Theory*, Cambridge: University Press, 1993, 292-305.

Matthews, P. H., *Syntactic Relations. A Critical Survey*. Cambridge: University Press, 2007

Givón, Talmy. 2001. *Syntax. An Introduction*. Vols. 1,2. Amsterdam-Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

Lecturer	Degree	Main works published in the research field during the last five years
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Axel Holvoet	Doctor habil. of the Humanities	Sources and pathways for non-directive imperatives. <i>Linguistics</i> 58.2, 2020, 333-362. https://doi.org/10.1515/ling-2020-0043
		The dual nature of irrealis in complementation. <i>Studies in Language</i> 44.1. 2020, 166-191. https://doi.org/10.1075/sl.18057.hol
		<i>The Middle Voice in Baltic</i> . Amsterdam-Philadelphia: Benjamins, 2020, 250 pp. https://doi.org/10.1075/vargreb.5
		Irrealis, aspect, and unanchoring in Slavonic and beyond. <i>Zeitschrift für Slawistik</i> 67.1, 2022, 60-76. https://doi.org/10.1515/slav-2022-0003
		A hitherto unnoticed verb-framed construction in Lithuanian and the typology of event conflation, <i>Studies in Language</i> , November 2022. https://doi.org/10.1075/sl.21082.hol

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