

國立中正大學 語言所 碩士班教學大綱
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Course number: 1305003 Instructor: Niina Ning ZHANG 張寧
Subject: Syntax/語法學 Credit: 3
Working language: English Research Assistants: Genny Ho
Class type: Required for the MA program of linguistics

TIME & CLASSROOM

Wednesdays 9:10 – 12:00 Room 413, College of Humanities
Office hours: 1:30-3:00pm, after the class, by appointment
RA office hour: the time and room to be decided by the RA

課程核心能力

培養目標:

具備完整之語言科學的基本學理
具備觀察語言現象的能力
具備整理及分析語言現象的能力
具備基本的科學思辨的能力
具備初步的理論探索的能力
具備善於與人合作、注重學術倫理之精神
具備獨立進行語言學研究的能力

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course has double aims: to study the basic general syntactic theories and to learn to explore underlying principled patterns of syntax from a cross-linguistic perspective.

METHODS OF EVALUATION

1. Assignments (80%).
Due: submit before the class next week.
2. Be active in the class (asking questions, presenting your own data or arguments to challenge or support the claims stated in the textbook or made by the instructor or your classmates) (20%)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Adger, David. 2003. *Core Syntax: A Minimalist Approach*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (See the typo sheet, which is available in the e-course system)

Since it takes many weeks to order the textbook, please try to get your own copy as soon as possible.

SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Syntax 2026 Spring

Wk	Date	Content	Reading	Assignment
1	Feb. 25	Core Concepts	Ch. 1; 2.1~2.2	See the handout
2		Morphosyntactic Features	2.3 ~ 2.5	
3		Constituency and Theta Roles	Ch. 3	
4		Representing Phrase Structure (A)	4.1 ~ 4.3	
5		<i>Review & Discussion</i>		
6		Representing Phrase Structure (B)	4.4 ~ 4.7	
7		Functional Categories I -- TP	Ch. 5	
8		Subjects and Objects	Ch. 6	
9		<i>Review & Discussion</i>		
10		Functional Categories II – DP (A)	7.1 ~ 7.3	
11		Functional Categories II – DP (B)	7.4 ~ 7.6	
12		Functional Categories III – CP (A)	8.1 ~ 8.2.5	
13		<i>Review & Discussion</i>		
14		Functional Categories III – CP (B)	8.2.6 ~ 8.5	
15		Wh-movement	Ch. 9	
16		Locality	Ch. 10	
17		<i>Review & Discussion</i>		