

# Nominalization: Syntax

## BBN-ANG17-342/141

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<b>When &amp; where:</b> Monday 10:30–12:00, R442
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## 1 Overview

The course aims to compare various syntactic phenomena related to nominalization.

This course is <b>not</b> a basic syntax seminar. The students are expected not to be afraid of syntactic tree structures and to already know what the following terms mean: <i>constituent, phrase, thematic role, argument, adjunct, subject, direct object, NP, VP, TP/IP</i> .
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## 2 Schedule

This is a preliminary schedule for the course. Changes to it will be announced in class.

For each class there is a handout (uploaded to the SEAS website).

Date	Topic
07/02	Background check
14/02	DPs: Basic syntax
21/02	Deverbal nominals: Overview. Lexicon vs Syntax
28/02	Result vs. event nominals
07/03	Event nominals, mixed categories
14/03	Event nominals, mixed categories
21/03	- <i>ing</i> derivation in English
28/03	Cases in nominals
04/04	Clausal nominals
11/04	Agent nominals
18/04	Spring holiday (no classes)
25/04	Deadjectival nominals
02/05	Typology. Revision
09/05	Essay preparation

## 3 Requirements

At the end of the term, students are expected to write a **short essay** presenting and discussing some relevant examples from a language not considered in class. There will also be regular in-class quizzes to practice.

**Attendance:** No more than two absences will be tolerated. **If you need to skip more than two classes, notify me about this via email.**

## 4 Readings

The required material will be summarized in the handouts.

### Additional readings:

- Alexiadou, Artemis. 2010. Nominalizations: A Probe into the Architecture of Grammar. Part I/II. *Language and Linguistics Compass* 4/7: 496-511, 512-523.
- Baker, Mark & Nadya Vinokurova. 2009. On agent nominalizations and why they are not like event nominalizations. *Language* 85/3: 517-56.
- Borsley, Robert D. & Jaklin Kornfilt. 1999. Mixed extended projections. In *Syntax and semantics: The nature and function of syntactic categories 32*, ed. Robert D. Borsley, 101-131. San Diego: Academic Press.
- Harley, Heidi. 2009. Syntactic event structure and nominalizations. In *Quantification, definiteness and nominalization*, eds Giannakidou, Anastasia and Monika Rathert, 321-344. Oxford University Press.
- Koptjevskaja-Tamm, Maria. 2013. Action Nominal Constructions. In *The World Atlas of Language Structures Online*, eds Dryer, Matthew S. and Martin Haspelmath. Available online at <http://wals.info/chapter/62>.

## 5 Where to find the course

The course materials will be uploaded to the **SEAS website**:

<http://seas3.elte.hu/coursematerial/BurukinaIrina/index.html>

## 6 Other

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If you have any questions, I would be happy to meet with you. Please, send me an email in advance to schedule an appointment; we can meet either at ELTE or via Zoom.