

Syntax seminar course (BBN-ANG-252)

Syllabus

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Time and place: Monday, 10:00 – 11:30; Room 326

Assessment: two home assignments (practical exercises) + end-of-term written exam

Textbook: Mark Newson et al, Basic English Syntax with Exercises, Budapest, 2006

! Read this book (for this course, chapters 1-7 only)

Optional reading (with more exercises): Andrew Carnie, Syntax: A Generative Introduction, 2013 (3d ed.)

! You are strongly recommended to attend the **Syntax lecture (BBN-ANG-251)** as well, even if it is not among your required courses. It is taught by Professor Krisztina Szécsényi on Monday, 12:30 – 13:15 (Gólyavár Fszrt Pázmány Péter terem). If you cannot come to the lecture, the best decision is to download the **course materials** (handouts and slides) from the SEAS website and read them before our meetings.

Course program

*This is the program for the first half of the course. There **will be** classes in November – December and I will update their description at the beginning of October.*

18 September

Rules and Phrases, Recursion, Constituency tests

BESE Chapter 2 (1.1. - 1.3; 3)

25 September

Rewriting rules and structure building, Hierarchy, Word categories

BESE Chapter 1 (2; 3.1), Chapter 2 (1; 2)

2 October

Sub-categorization, Thematic Roles, X-bar (Part I)

BESE Chapter 1 (3.2 – 3.6), Chapter 2 (2), Chapter 3 (1)

9 October

X-bar Theory / Thematic roles. Part II

16 October

Little *v* + **Home Assignment 1** (due to November, 6)

23 October, 30 October

NO classes