

## ***The syntax of finite and non-finite clauses***

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The course focuses on the functional layer of the English clause, the structure of the IP and the CP, both in finite and non-finite constructions. The topic of modality will be discussed in detail, and more specific structures (e.g. negation, how it is possible to express discourse information in a language with fixed word order) will also be dealt with from the perspective of Government and Binding Theory, the Minimalist Program and Optimality Theory.

Grading will be based on participation, occasional homework and a course-final quiz. Instead of the quiz students can opt for writing a research paper related to the topic of the course.

### Topics:

1. The IP and the split IP hypothesis: tense and agreement
2. Modality
3. Negation
4. The Left Periphery: the split CP hypothesis
5. Finite and non-finite clauses: Exceptional Case Marking, raising and Control
6. Finite clauses: main clause phenomena

### Readings:

Haegeman, L. 1999. *English Grammar*. New Jersey: Blackwell Publishing.

Mark Newson, *Basic English Syntax with Exercises*, HEFOP, Budapest, 2006

downloadable from: <http://primus.arts.u-szeged.hu/bese/> (or google it)

Newson, Mark and Krisztina Szécsényi. 2012. "Dummy Auxiliaries and Late Vocabulary Insertion." In *The Even Yearbook 10*, edited by László Varga, 80–125. Working Papers in Linguistics. ELTE, Budapest. <http://seas3.elte.hu/delg/publications/even/2012/12ns.pdf>.

Radford, Andrew. 2004. *Minimalist Syntax: Exploring the structure of English*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge