



الجامعة السعودية الإلكترونية
SAUDI ELECTRONIC UNIVERSITY
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Introduction to Syntax and Morphology (ENG401)

Course Syllabus

English Language and Translation Department

College of Science and Theoretical Studies

Saudi Electronic University

A: General Information

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| 1. Course Title | Introduction to Syntax and Morphology |
| 2. Course Code | ENG401 |
| 3. Semester/ Year | 7 th Semester – 4 th Year |
| 4. Course credit | 3 Hours |
| 5. Course level | Level 7 |
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B: Academic Content

Course aim and objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Increase knowledge about morphology and syntax.
2. Become familiar with the main concepts related to morphology and syntax.
3. Understand the morphological word-formation processes.
4. Expand their analytical skills by analyzing the structures of words, phrases, and sentences.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate the differences between morphology and syntax.
2. Recognize basic concepts related to morphology and syntax.
3. Recognize word-formation processes and decompose words into smaller units (both derivational and inflectional morphemes).
4. Analyse English word structure, phrase structure, and sentence structure in terms of categories and functions.
5. Display analytical skills by drawing tree diagrams for words, phrases, and sentences to show the hierarchical structure.

Prerequisites:

C: Timetable for sessions

Week	Date	Chapters	Students Commitments
1.	Week 0		ORIENTATION WEEK
2.	Week 1	Introduction to the course	
3.	Week 2	Differences and Relationships Between Syntax and Morphology	
4.	Week 3	Words, Word Forms, Morphemes, and Lexemes	Assignment 1
5.	Week 4	Derivations, Compounds, and Other Word Structures	
6.	Week 5	More Complex Word Structures	

7.	Week 6		History and Analysis of English Language and Usage	Assignment 2
8.	Week 7		Words and Phrase Types, Constituency	
9.	Week 8		MIDTERM EXAMS	
10.	Week 9		Grammatical Functions and Semantic Roles	Quiz 1
11.	Week 10		Heads, Complements, and Modifiers	
12.	Week 11		Subjects and Complements	Assignment 3
13.	Week 12		Nouns, Phrases, and Agreement	
14.	Week 13		Sentence Patterns	Quiz 2
15.	Week 14		WH Questions and Relative Clauses	
16.	Week 15		General Revision	
17.	Week 16		FINAL EXAMS	
18.	Week 17			
19.	Week 18			

D: Course Resources

Textbooks:

- Carstairs-McCarthy, A. (2002). *An Introduction to English Morphology: Words and Their Structure*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, LTD. ISBN 0 7486 1327 7.
- Kim, J., & Sells, P. (2008). *English Syntax: An Introduction*. Stanford: Center for the Study of Language and Information. ISBN: 978-1-57586-568-3

E: Assessment

- **Assessment Overview**

Assessment Type	Due Date of Assignments	Weight
Assignment 1	Week 3	8 points
Assignment 2	Week 6	8 points
Quiz 1	Week 9	8 points
Assignment 3	Week 11	8 points
Quiz 2	Week 13	8 points
Midterm Exam	Week 8	20 points
Final Exam	Weeks 16 & 17	40 points
Total	100 points	

F: Additional Requirements

- The student must follow attendance policy that given by the university.
- The student is responsible to read all announcements that are regularly posted by the instructor.
- Any student having difficulty understanding this handout should contact the instructor for clarifications.
- For all enquiries, students should contact the instructor.