

**University of Jordan**  
**Faculty of Foreign Languages**  
**English Department**  
**First Semester 2012/2013**

Course Title: English Transformational Grammar

Course code: 2201323

Prerequisite :2201221

**Course Objectives:**

*The course aims to introduce students to the assumptions underlying the Transformational Generative Theory and to its mechanism in particular the Standard Theory presented in Chomsky's Aspects of the Theory of Syntax. Throughout the course, the emphasis will be on the facts of English syntax.*

**Learning Outcomes:**

a. **Knowledge & Understanding:**

*1- Students should know how to draw tree-diagrams for the deep structures of sentences.*

b. **Intellectual Skills (cognitive & analytical):**

*1- Students should be able to analyze phrase structure and sentence structure in terms of deep structures and surface structures.*

c. **Subject Specific Skills:**

*Students should be able to apply their knowledge in using the appropriate terminology in syntactic description and in deriving sentences from the deep structures underlying them.*

d. **Transferable Skills:**

1- Students should display analytical skills in describing sentences transformationally (in terms of deep structures and surface structures)

**Teaching Methods:**

1. **Lecture:** 3 hours per week
2. **Assignments:** students are asked to read the textbook and do exercises and homework assignments.

**Tests & Evaluation:**

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| 1. Mid-Term Exam | 30%                 |
| 2. Quizzes       | 20% To be announced |
| 3. Final Exam    | 50%                 |

**Course Schedule:**

|    | Topic                                   | Weeks |
|----|---|-------|
| 1. | Introduction and Theoretical Background | 1     |
| 2. | Basic Sentence Structure                | 1     |
| 3. | The Need for Transformations            | 2     |
| 4. | The Structure of the English Auxiliary  | 2     |
| 5. | Formalizing Transformational Rules      | 2     |
| 6. | Ordering Rules                          | 2     |
| 7. | Transformational Operations             | 2     |
| 8. | Sentence Embedding                      | 2     |
| 9. | Equi, Raising, and Verb Classes         | 2     |

**Textbook:**

An Introduction to the Principles of Transformational Syntax by Adrian Akmajian and Frank Heny

**References:**

Aspects of the Theory of Syntax by Noam Chomsky  
English Transformational Grammar by Jacobs and Rosenbaum

**Participation and Attendance:**

Participation in class is essential. Students are expected to participate actively. Regular attendance is essential as well.