University of Jordan
English Department

Course Title: English Syntax
Course code: 1502705

Course Objectives:
The course offers a detailed study of the syntax of English within certain linguistic frameworks, in particular the transformational and functinal frameworks. Major syntactic processes and categories will be emphasized, viz., complementation, nominilization, predication, subordination, conjoining, raising, negation, modality, tense, aspect, substitution, ellipsis,etc.

Learning Outcomes:

a.   *Knowledge & Understanding:*
1- *Students should be able to identify types of sentences and types of clauses.*
2- *Students should be able to understand the Transformational Generative Theory of syntax and its Subsequent developments.*

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

1- *Students should be able to analyze complex, compound, and compound-complex sentences,in terms of categorires and functions.*
2- *Students should be able to draw tree-diagrams for the deep structures of simple and complex sentences and provide the transformational rules applicable in the derivations of a sentence.*
3- *Students should be able towrite solid syntactic arguments*

c.   *Subject Specific Skills:*
Students should able to apply their knowledge in using the appropriate terminology in syntactic description whether it is structural or transformational.

d.   *Transferable Skills:*
1- *Students should display analytical skill in describing complex sentences categorially and functionally.*
2- *Students should display analytical skills in describing simple and complex sentences transformationally.*
3- *Students should display analytical skills in discussing syntactic issues.*

Teaching Methods:
1.   *Assignments: students are asked to read the textbooks and do exercises.*

Course Schedule:

	Topic	Weeks
	Aims And Methods 1. What is Syntax? 2. Describing the Sentence 3. Categories and Functions 4. Word Order 5. Constituents 6. Constituency Tests	*2*

	Types Of Sentences/Clauses
	 1. Types of Sentences
	    a. Simple
	    b. Complex
	    c. Compound
	    d. Compound-Complex
	 2. Types of Clauses
	    a. Finite, non-finite, Verbless
	    b. Nominal Clauses
	    c. Adverbial Clauses
	    d. Adjectival Clauses
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	Transformational Syntax
	 1.The Standard Theory
	    a.Introduction & Theoretical Background
	    b.Basic Sentence Structure
	    c.The Need for Transformations
	    d.The Structure of The English Auxiliary
	    e.Formalizing Transformational Rules
	    f. Ordering Rules
	    g.Transformational Operations
	    h. Sentence Embedding
	    i. Equi, Raising, and Verb Classes
	 2.The Extended Standard Theory
	 3.Introduction to Government and Binding
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References (*means a required Textbook) :

1.******A Grammar of Contemporary English* by Quirk and others
2. *A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language* by R. Quirk and others.
3. *English Syntactic Structures* by Aarts and Aarts.
4. *The English Verb* by R.Plamer
5. *Meaning and the English Verb* by G.Leech.

6. *An Introduction to Functional Grammar*,by M.A.K. Halliday.

7. *An Introduction to Grammar: Traditional, Structural and Transformational.*

8. *Aspects of the Theory of Syntax* by Noam Chomsky

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

10. *A Modern Course in English Syntax* by H. Wekker and L. Haegeman.

11. *Transformational Syntax* by A. Radford

12. *Transformational Grammar* by A. Radford

13. *Introduction to Government and Binding Theory* by L. Haegeman.