LING 508
Syntactic Theory II
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Syllabus

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Location: Art 004

Overview and objectives:
This course is the second in the series of the advanced introduction to syntactic
theory. The main focus of the course will be on reading and critiquing primary literature
in the Minimalist Program. Students will also be expected to complete homework
problems, make presentations in class, and write a paper at the end of the course.

Requirements: Successful completion of this course will depend on the following.

Preparation and class participation: 10%
Participation in Discussion Board: 10%
Homework: 20%
Presentation 1: 15%
Presentation 2: 15%
Paper: 30%
100%

Preparation and class participation:
Students are expected to attend all class meetings, to have read the assigned readings, and
to participate in class discussions.

Participation in Discussion Board:
Students are expected to make at least one entry on the course GoPost discussion board
before each class meeting. The link to the discussion board can be found on the course
web site.
**Homework:**
Homework problem sets will be assigned intermittently throughout the course.

**Presentation 1:**
Students will find a syntax article and present the main points of this article to the class.

**Presentation 2:**
Students will present a summary of their research paper to the class.

**Paper:**
Students will write an original research paper of approximately 15 pages (double-spaced) on a syntactic topic of interest to them. Work on the paper must be exclusively your own, and you must give appropriate citations for any resources you consult, including online resources. The links below can help you familiarize yourself with policies concerning academic honesty.

http://depts.washington.edu/grading/issue1/honesty.htm#plagiarism

http://www.washington.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html

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**Course Outline**

*Note: This schedule is subject to change at any time.*

**Topics**

1/5  
*wh*-movement
Adger (2003), ch. 9

1/7  
Locality
Adger (2003), ch. 10

1/12  
Successive-cyclic *wh*-movement
McCloskey (2002)

1/14  
*wh*-in-situ
Watanabe (2001)

1/19  
HOLIDAY – No Class

1/26  
Multiple *wh*-movement
Richards (2001), ch. 1-2

1/28  
Quantifier scope
Szabolcsi (2001)
2/2 Other types of A’ movement 
Ruys (2004)

2/4 Presentation 1

2/9 Expanded CP domain 
Rizzi (1997)

2/11 Antisymmetry 
Kayne (1994), ch. 1-4

2/16 HOLIDAY – No Class

2/18 Relative clauses 
Kayne (1994), ch. 8 
Borsley (1997)

2/23 Binding 
Quicoli (2008)

2/25 Object Shift and V2 
Fox & Pesetsky (2005)

3/2 Scrambling 
Miyagawa (2003)

3/4 Verb-initial word order 
Oda (2000)

3/9 Quirky and ergative case-marking 
Woolford (2006)

3/11 Presentation 2

3/18 Papers due (No extensions, no exceptions)

**Bibliography**

