Study Programme: English Language and Literature

**Course Unit Title:** Generative Syntax 2

Course Unit Code: 15EJEJ48

Name of Lecturer(s): Prof. Sabina Halupka-Rešetar, PhD

**Type and Level of Studies:** Bachelor

Course Status (compulsory/elective): elective

Semester (winter/summer): winter

Language of instruction: English

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face to face

**Number of ECTS Allocated:** 6

**Prerequisites:** /

### **Course Aims:**

The course focuses on methods and argumentation for formal analysis of sentence structure through induction from language data of central concepts and relations; hypothesis testing, empirical bases of theoretical concepts.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students have a sound knowledge of the basics of one of the major syntactic theories (the Minimalist Programme of Chomsky 1993, 1995, 2000); an understanding of why the theory is structured as it is, and how it fits into a broader picture of language and mind; an ability to analyse simple sentences within the theory, and to follow and construct syntactic arguments, and an appreciation of the links between data and theory in syntax and in linguistics more generally.

## **Syllabus:**

Subjects and objects: subject movement; Case and EPP; unaccusative subjects; passives; adverbs; word order.

The DP: D as a head; theta-role assignment in DP; n and the low structure of DP; AP and modification in DP; order in movement in DP:

The CP: complementizers as heads; non-finite CP complements; adjunct clauses; cross-linguistic implications.

Wh-movement: wh-elements; mechanics of wh-movement; subject wh-questions; long distance wh-movement; wh-in situ; superiority; cross-linguistic variation.

Locality: empirical evidence for locality; locality in wh-movement; island phenomena.

# **Required Reading:**

David Adger, Core syntax: A Minimalist approach, Oxford University Press, 2003

Andrew Carnie, Syntax, Blackwell, 2013

Liliane Haegeman and Jacqueline Guéron, English Grammar: A Generative Perspective, Blackwell, 1999

Andrew Radford, Minimalist Syntax: Exploring the Structure of English, Cambridge University Press, 2004

James McCloskey, 5. James McCloskey "Subjecthood and subject positions." In L. Haegeman (ed.), Elements of

grammar, Kluwer, 1997

Ljiljana Progovac, A Syntax of Serbian, Slavica, 2005

Weekly Contact Hours: Lectures: Practical work:

**Teaching Methods:** lectures, problem-based learning, self-study.

### **Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):**

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class		written exam	50
participation			
Practical classes	10	oral exam	
Tests	40		
Seminar(s)			