



University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LALI-261	Course Title English Morphology and Syntax	ECTS Credits 6
Department Languages and Literature	Semester Spring	Prerequisites LALI-160
Type of Course Required	Field Linguistics	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Dr Antroulla Papakyriakou
Mode of Delivery Dist. Learning	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The course aims to introduce students to the internal structure of words, phrases and clauses of English language. The students learn how words are formed so as to formulate intelligible phrases and clauses.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. use meta-language in the area of morphology and clause syntax,
2. identify the different parts which make up a word (internal structure of words);
3. offer an analysis of words (morphological analysis, morphological tree),
4. mark the difference between words and nonwords and to explain why certain combinations are not well-formed (nonwords) referring to specific word formation rules,
5. analyse phrases in the X-bar format(head vs. complement vs. specifier),
6. analyse clauses in the X-bar format (finite and nonfinite clauses).

Course Contents:

1. Introduction to X-bar syntax
2. The structure of phrases (head vs. complement vs. specifier);
3. The structure of clauses
4. Finite and nonfinite clauses
5. Morphemes vs. morphs

6. Morphological vs. morphemic analysis
7. Free and bound morphs/ free and bound roots
8. Derivational affixes vs. inflectional suffixes;
9. Word-formation rules (agglutinative rule, fusional rule, null realization rule, zero rule);
10. The morphology of the English verb and the verb complex

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussions with class participation

Assessment Methods:

Quizzes; Mid-Term Exam; Final Exam

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Bernard T. O'Dwyer	<i>Modern English Structures: Form, Function, and Position 2nd Ed</i>	Broadview Press	2006	9781551117638
Laurel J. Brinton	<i>The Structure of Modern English – A Linguistic Introduction</i>	John Benjamins	2000	1556196628
Andrew Carnie	<i>Syntax – A Generative Introduction</i>	Blackwell	2002	0631225447
Francis Katamba & John Stonham	<i>Morphology (2nd edition)</i>	Palgrave macmillan	2006	1403916446
Andrew Radford	<i>Syntax – A Minimalist Introduction</i>	Cambridge University Press	1997	9780521589147