LING 472.01: Generative Syntax and Semantics

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LING 472 Fall 2000  
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Text: *Analysing Sentences*, Burton-Roberts 1997 (2nd ed.)

Week 1  
The nature of grammar: Chomsky interview, *Omni* November 1983

Week 2  
Constituents and Syntactic Functions: Chapters 1-2

Week 3  
Lexical and Syntactic Categories: Chapter 3

Week 4  
Verb Phrases: Chapter 4

Week 5  
Adjuncts: Chapter 5

Week 6-7  
Auxiliaries and Modals: Chapter 6

Mid-term exam Oct. 25

Week 8-9  
Embedded Clauses: Chapter 8

Week 10, 11, 12  
Wh-Clauses: Chapter 9

Week 13, 14, 15  
The lexicon in syntax; X-bar Theory

Final exam, Thursday, Dec. 21, 1:10-3:10

Grading: Undergraduates will be graded on six (6) written homework assignments, a mid-term exam, and a final exam. Graduate students will be graded on eight (8) written homework assignments, a mid-term exam, and a final exam. No late assignments or exams without prior arrangement.