

HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

COURSE OUTLINE

1. COURSE TITLE

Unravelling Syntax

2. COURSE CODE

ENGL4057

3. NO. OF UNITS

3 Units

4. OFFERING DEPARTMENT

Department of English Language and Literature

5. PREREQUISITES

ENGL2005 Introduction to the Study of Language

6. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

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7. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- 1) To introduce current theories of grammar, and the major contemporary research on formal syntax in particular; and
- 2) To familiarize students with the explanatory aims of syntactic theorizing.

8. COURSE CONTENT

- I. I-Grammars and E-Grammars
- II. Constructions
- III. Capturing Grammatical Relationships: Coindexation and Mapping
- IV. Syntax-Semantics Interface
- V. Theories of Grammar

9. COURSE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES (CILOs)

CILO	By the end of the course, students should be able to:
CILO 1	Reflect on the process of theorizing in language studies
CILO 2	Apply their knowledge of the current syntactic theories to the analysis of

	syntactic phenomena
CILO 3	Articulate the properties of the human language faculty through the identification and analysis of patterns in languages

10. TEACHING & LEARNING ACTIVITIES (TLAs)

CILO alignment	Type of TLA
CILO 1	Explore and describe syntactic phenomena in class discussions and in a written assignment
CILO 2	Construct syntactic analyses and explain what they say about the human language faculty in class discussions and in an oral presentation
CILO 3	Relate analyses to theories of grammar in class discussions and in a written assignment and/or oral presentation

11. ASSESSMENT METHODS (AMs)

Type of Assessment Methods	Weighting	CILOs to be addressed	Description of Assessment Tasks
Coursework	20 %	1, 2	Written assignment.
Coursework	40 %	3	Group project (25%) + Oral presentation (15%).
Examination	40 %	1, 2, 3	The final examination assesses students' abilities to articulate grammatical features of a language when given linguistic data.

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