

# 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;
- 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)

<u>CILO alignment</u>	<u>Type of TLA</u>
CILO 1	Explore syntactic phenomena
CILO 2	Construct syntactic analyses
CILO 3	Relate analyses to theories of grammar

#### 11. ASSESSMENT METHODS (AMs)

<u>Type of Assessment Methods</u>	<u>Weighting</u>	<u>CILOs to be addressed</u>	<u>Description of Assessment Tasks</u>
Coursework	50 %	1, 2, 3	Coursework will be in the form of written assignments, quizzes, and/or oral presentations.  When learning about grammar and syntax, off-site group work and self-study/access of the HKBU Phonology Lab will be regular features of the coursework and its assessment.
Examination	50 %	1, 2, 3	The final examination assesses students' abilities to articulate grammatical features of a language when given linguistic data.

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