

Course Name	The Truth of Human Language Syntax		
Semester, Year	First Semester, 2019	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	3000	Course Number	027037
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Satoshi OKU 大学院メディア・コミュニケーション研究院		
Course Objectives	Recent (bio-)linguistic research has revealed many interesting properties of “sentence-building mechanisms” (i.e., syntax) of human language. The purpose of this course is to learn some important basics of human language syntax in the framework of the current generative enterprise, with special reference to Japanese, English (and other languages which the participant students are native speakers of), as well as the comparison of these languages.		
Course Goals	The students will understand some foundations of syntactic study of language, and will eventually appreciate how fascinating our knowledge of language is.		
Course Schedule	<p>This is a joint course of “English Linguistics” (Faculty of Letters), HUSTEP, Arts and Science Courses in English, and Modern Japanese Studies Program. All aspects of the course (lecture, class discussion, class work, homework) are conducted exclusively in English. Students are requested to actively participate in class activities.</p> <p>Course Schedule is roughly the following (subject to adjustment)</p> <p>Week 1: General Introduction: From “complex visible” to “simple invisible”</p> <p>Week 2: Structure dependency: From “non-existence thesis” to “existence thesis” (knowledge of language is “real”)</p> <p>Week 3 - Week 6: Find patterns and try to account for them ? From description to explanation</p> <p>Week 7 - Week 10: Long distance dependency (Move and Binding) ? From “local” to “global”</p> <p>Week 11- Week 13: How to supply “missing” information (pro and ellipsis) ? From “invisible” to “understandable”</p> <p>Week 14 - Week 15: Wrap up and General Summary</p>		
Homework	Students will have reading assignments and homework assignments every week, which are important review of the previous class and the preview/preparation for the next class meeting.		
Grading System	Grading is based on homework assignments 50%, participation in class discussion/activities 30%, and a short term paper 20%.		
Textbooks / Reading List			
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information	Students to take this course are supposed to have English proficiency of TOEFL(Paper-Based) score 530 and above (or equivalent).		