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|  **UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ** |
| **Course Unit Descriptor** | **Faculty**  | **Faculty of Philosophy** |
| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |
| Study program  | **English Language and Literature** |
| Study Module (if applicable) | / |
| Course title | Syntax |
| Level of study | [x] Bachelor [ ]  Master’s [ ]  Doctoral |
| Type of course | [x]  Obligatory [ ]  Elective |
| Semester  |  [ ]  Autumn [x] Spring |
| Year of study  | second |
| Number of ECTS allocated | 4 |
| Name of lecturer/lecturers | Biljana Mišić Ilić, Vladan Pavlović |
| Teaching mode |  [x] Lectures [x] Group tutorials [ ]  Individual tutorials [ ] Laboratory work [ ]  Project work [ ]  Seminar [ ] Distance learning [ ]  Blended learning [ ]  Other |
| **PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max. 5 sentences)** |
| This is a basic theoretical course of English syntax, focused on structuralist syntax but it also introduces the basics of the transformational generative model, in order to emphasise the relevance of these two theoretical approaches for the study of English syntax. The course offers a coherent and systematic description of the syntactic structure of English. The students are expected to practice and master the process of syntactic analysis and argumentation, analyse a broad range of English syntactic structures, and to be able to use a variety of complex syntactic structures in English.  |
| **SYLLABUS (brief outline and summary of topics, max. 10 sentences)** |
| 1. Fundamentals: The subject matter of syntax. The main tenets of structural syntax. Units of grammatical description (morpheme, word, phrase, clause, sentence). Types of phrases, clauses and sentences. Basic grammatical structures. Grammatical functions. The basics of syntactic argumentation – constituency tests.
2. The structure of predication: the subject and the predicate. Basic sentence patterns with the verb *to be* and linking verbs.
3. Basic sentence patterns with transitive verbs.
4. Positional classes. Nominals (single words and word groups, finite and non-finite nominal clauses). Verbals.
5. The structure of modification: adjectivals (modification in the noun phrase, relative clauses). Adverbials (modification in the verb phrase and sentence modifiers, adverbial clauses).
6. Structure of complementation. Structure of coordination.
7. Immediate constituent analysis. Labelled IC analysis and labelled bracketing.
8. The notion and the basic postulates of transformational generative grammar.
9. The Government and Binding model. X-bar theory, Theta theory.
10. The structure of finite and non-finite clauses.
11. Syntactic argumentation: comparison of the theoretical models.
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| **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION** |
| [ ] Serbian (complete course) [x]  English (complete course) [ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (complete course)[ ] Serbian with English mentoring [ ] Serbian with other mentoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA** |
| **Pre exam duties** | **Points** | **Final exam** | **points** |
| **Activity during lectures** |  | **Written examination** | **60** |
| **Practical teaching** |  | **Oral examination** |  |
| **Teaching colloquia****Written test** | **40** | **OVERALL SUM** | **100** |
| **\*Final examination mark is formed in accordance with the Institutional documents** |