



## **ENG 697, 02W, 42749 Syntax**

COURSE SYLLABUS: Summer I-II 2024

### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

Instructor: Dr. Salvatore Attardo

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Office Hours: M-TH 11:00 am to noon and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Schedule through this link only:

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Preferred Form of Communication: email

Communication Response Time: within 24 hrs (1 working day; longer if feedback to writing is requested)

Zoom Meeting ID: 645 861 951

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Required: Koenenman & Zeijlstra (2017). *Introducing Syntax*. Cambridge UP.

Software Required: access to internet; Zoom. <https://tamuc.zoom.us/j/6458619518>

Optional Texts and/or Materials: Course lectures

### **Course Description**

This course is an introduction to syntactic theory as it is practiced broadly speaking in the standard Chomskian paradigm. The background and origins of Generative-Transformational grammar are examined, as well as the various theoretical contributions that have been integrated in the theory. Some applications to philosophical, psychological, and pedagogical issues are also discussed.

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## **Student Learning Outcomes**

1. The students will demonstrate knowledge of syntactic theory, its history, and development.
2. The students will demonstrate knowledge of immediate constituent analysis.
3. The students will produce syntactic trees displaying the structure of a sentence.
4. The students will demonstrate knowledge of the internal organization of syntactic theory.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

Using the learning management system, using a text editor, presentation and graphics programs, etc.

### **Instructional Methods**

You must have read the relevant chapter in the book by the day of the lecture.

A live lecture will be held on Mondays 5:00-7:00 pm CST. You **MUST** do one of the following:

- a) attend remotely: log in via Zoom (Meeting ID: <https://tamuc.zoom.us/j/6458619518>);
- or
- b) watch the video of the lecture on the LMS (usually uploaded during the night).

You **MUST** either attend or watch the video of the lecture. Of course you can do both. Failure attend or watch the lecture will result in failure on the quizzes.

You must post 2 contributions to the week's Q&A. You may post questions about the lecture/contents of the book or answer other students questions. Obviously you may post more than 2 Q&A, if you want. The Q&A period opens Monday at 0:01 AM CST and closes Thursday at 11:30 pm CST. You cannot post in the Q&A after that time.

You then must take the weekly CR (comprehension review). The CR opens Friday at 0:01 am CST and closes Sunday at 11:30 pm.

**There will be no extra credit.**

### **Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course**

Using the learning management system, using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, using presentation and graphics programs, etc.

- Students will be responsible for familiarizing themselves with the syllabus and all course instructions found in the online course platform

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- Students will be responsible for reading all online materials
- Students will be responsible for completing and submitting all assignments online
- Students will be responsible for contacting the professor via the Virtual office or email regarding questions on assignments PRIOR to the due date
- You must log on several times every week or attend f2f and log on. You cannot do well in the class if you do not log on multiple times and/or attend.

## **GRADING**

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

- A = 90%-100%
- B = 80%-89%
- C = 70%-79%
- D = 60%-69%
- F = 59% or Below

## **Assessments**

Comprehension Reviews (9x4)	36% = 36 points
Final Oral Comprehensive Exam	40% = 40 points
Q&A/Participation (9x2)	18% = 18 points
Introductions (1)	1% = 1 point
Participation (1)	5% = 5 points

The class participation score includes posting, reading other students posts, attending the lectures (F2F or Online), and contacts with the instructor.

## **TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

### **LMS**

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

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[https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser\\_support.htm](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm)

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

[https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom\\_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu](https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu)

## ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu).

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

## COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

### Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

### Interaction with Instructor Statement

You can contact the instructor via email anytime. I will respond within one working day, but usually much faster. If you call the phone number listed in the syllabus the department secretary sends me an email, so it's faster to email me. You can always ask me for a conference using the link provided above.

I interact with more than 250 students every year, sometimes with 4 concurrent courses. *I do not remember which class you are in.* **Please put in the body of your email which course you are asking about.** If you email me from the LMS it does so automatically.

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## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### **Course Specific Procedures/Policies**

Late Work may be arranged PRIOR to the deadline. Late work AFTER the deadline is not allowed, except for extenuating circumstances. Missed Exams and Quizzes cannot be made up, unless prior arrangements have been made, except for extenuating circumstances.

### **Syllabus Change Policy**

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

## **University Specific Procedures**

### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

### **TAMUC Attendance**

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

### **Academic Integrity**

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

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### [Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

### [Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

## **Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

### **Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

## **Nondiscrimination Notice**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

## **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun.

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Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url: <http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

### **A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health**

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit [www.tamuc.edu/counsel](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)

### **University AI use policy**

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course. Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism). Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

**According to the above statement, use of AI tools is strictly forbidden in this class.**

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## COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Summer 2024 10 weeks schedule

Week	Dates		Content	CR (4 pts)	Q&A (2 pts)
1	June 3 - June 7		KZ vii-6	CR1	Q&A1
2	June 10 - June 14		KZ ch1	CR2	Q&A2
3	June 17 - June 21		KZ ch2	CR3	Q&A3
4	June 24 - June 28		KZ ch3	CR4	Q&A4
5	July 1 - July 5	July 4th vacation	KZ ch4	CR5	Q&A5
6	July 8 - July 12		KZ ch5	CR6	Q&A6
7	July 15 - July 19		KZ ch6	CR7	Q&A7
8	July 22 - July 26		KZ ch7	CR8	Q&A8
9	July 29 - Aug 2		KZ ch10	CR9	Q&A9
10	Aug 5 - Aug 8	Finals week (ends on a Thursday)		Oral Exam (40 pts)	
	Live sessions Monday at 5:00 pm CST	<a href="https://tamuc.zoom.us/j/6458619518">https:// tamuc.zoom.us/j/ 6458619518</a>			

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