**Department of English**

**Course Title: Syntax** **MA English (Linguistics) 3rd semester**

**Course Objectives:**

The course aims at helping students understand the basic concepts of sentence analysis. Taking examples from English, it guides students in analyzing constituents in a sentence and then sentence as a whole. Further, it gives an idea of basic syntactic analysis of Pakistani languages. The objectives of this course are to enable the student to:

● know internal sentence structure

● be familiar with basic concepts of syntactic analysis

● Present sentence to the theory and practice of the structural grammar

● be able to do a detailed analysis of English sentences

● learn descriptive techniques, theoretical concepts, and styles of argumentation

● to apply theoretical concepts and rules to syntactic data from Pakistani languages

**Learning Outcomes**

After studying this course, the learners will be able to:

i. have command on the tools of syntactic analysis

ii. have understanding of syntactic theory

iii. learn analyzing syntactic data

iv. develop strong problem-solving skills in syntax.

**Content List**

● Introduction to Syntax

Word Classes (parts of speech)

Lexical Phrases and Functional Phrases

Phrases and its types, NP, AP, PP, VP and Advp

Basic Verb Phrase, Intransitive, Transitive, Ditransitive, Intensive, Complex Transitive

Clauses, Sentences Types of sentences, Compound, Complex Sentences

Analyzing Sentence Structure

**Mid term**

Basic Elements in Sentence Analysis: Constituents, Categories, Functions

Functions: Subject, Predicate, Predicator, Direct/Indirect Object

Complements and Adjuncts in the Verb Phrase

Adjunct adverbials, Conjunct and Disjunct adverbials

Relation, Dependency- Subject, Predicate, Modifier, Head, Complement)

● Sentence Analysis through Phrase Marker/Tree Diagram

● The basic NP configuration, Determiner and Pre Determiner, Possessive NPs as Determiner

● The Verb Group

● Sentences within Sentences- Recursion, Subordinate clause, Complementiser, That clause, Adverbial clause

● Subordinate Wh-Interrogative Clauses- Wh-questions and interrogative clauses.

● X-bar Syntax

**Final term**

**Recommended Readings**

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