



SEMINAR IN SYNTAX

16:615:515

FALL 2024

COURSE INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Instructor: Troy Messick

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COURSE MEETING DAYS, TIMES, LOCATION, MODALITY

Class meeting time: Wednesday 12:10-3:10pm

Modality: in person

Location: ABW 5191

OFFICE HOURS / STUDENT SUPPORT HOURS

- Office hour time: Thursday 9:00-11:00am or by appointment
- Location: 73 Easton Ave/Zoom/Hidden Grounds

COURSE DESCRIPTION

⇒ In this course, we will look at the structure and distribution of reciprocal anaphors. We will investigate many different languages such as English, Icelandic, German, Telugu, Greek, Hebrew, Lezgian among others. The course will touch on a number of topics in modern syntactic theory including binding theory, Agree, labeling, islands, linearization, possessors, case agreement and case assignment, and ECM.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND COURSE MATERIALS

⇒ There is no textbook for the course

⇒ All readings will be made available on the canvas site.

GRADING SCALE

A=90–100;

B+=85–89;

B=80–84;

C+=75–79;

C=70–74;

D=65–69;

F=<65

Weighting of Assessments

10% Participation

20% End of semester presentation

70% Final Paper

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS**Overview and some classic papers Week 1- Week 3**

- Heim et al 1991
- Labelle 2008
- Everaert 2005

Reciprocal shift and the CSC Week 4

- Sigurðsson et al 2020 & 2021
- Messick & Harðarson 2024
- Sportiche 2024

Labeling and Reciprocal shift Week 5 – Week 6

- Chomsky 2013
- Messick 2020
- Landau 2024

Reflexive and reciprocal possessors Week 7

- Despić 2015
- Messick & Raghotham 2024

Reciprocal shift and Linearization Week 8 - Week 9

- Davis 2020
- Jenks 2011 selections
- Messick in prep

Scattered Reciprocals Week 10

- Paparounas & Salzmann 2024
- Kobayashi 2021

ECM and Case Agreement Week 11 – Week 12

- Messick & Raghotham 2023
- Wurmbrand 2023

Thanksgiving Week 13**Student Presentations Week 14 – Week 15**

POLICIES

Attendance and Participation

Students are encouraged to come to every class having done the reading and participate by asking and answering questions. If you need to miss class, just email me.

Disability Accommodations

If you need special accommodations, please contact me and ODS: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/>

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Rutgers University takes academic dishonesty very seriously. By enrolling in this course, you assume responsibility for familiarizing yourself with the Academic Integrity Policy and the possible penalties (including suspension and expulsion) for violating the policy. As per the policy, all suspected violations will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct. Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to):

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Aiding others in committing a violation or allowing others to use your work
- Failure to cite sources correctly
- Fabrication
- Using another person's ideas or words without attribution, including re-using a previous assignment
- Unauthorized collaboration
- Sabotaging another student's work

If you are ever in doubt, consult your instructor.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND MENTAL WELLNESS

- Student Success Essentials: <https://success.rutgers.edu>
- Student Support Services: <https://www.rutgers.edu/academics/student-support>
- The Learning Centers: <https://rlc.rutgers.edu/>
- Rutgers Libraries: <https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/>
- Bias Incident Reporting: <https://studentaffairs.rutgers.edu/bias-incident-reporting>
- Dean of Students – Student Support Office: <https://success.rutgers.edu/resource/dean-students-student-support-office>
- Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services: <https://veterans.rutgers.edu>
- Student Health Services: <http://health.rutgers.edu/>
- Counseling, Alcohol and Other Drug Assistance Program & Psychiatric Services (CAPS): <http://health.rutgers.edu/medical-counseling-services/counseling/>

- UWill: free immediate access to teletherapy; you can choose a therapist based on your preferences including issue, gender, language, ethnicity. <http://health.rutgers.edu/uwill/>
- Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance: www.vpva.rutgers.edu/
- Office of Disability Services: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/>
- Basic Needs Assistance (food, housing, and other essentials): <https://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/basic-needs>
- Rutgers Student Food Pantry: <https://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/food-pantry>