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Course: EBS 282: Forms and Functions of the English Clause

Credit Hours: 2

Course Description

This course guides students to develop the conceptual knowledge and analytical skills for an in-depth description of the English clause, with a focus on subordinate clauses. It examines the formal characteristics and functions of embedded (or downranked) clauses and the forms and meanings of hypotactic clauses (or non-embedded subordinate clauses). Students' knowledge of basic notions such as rank scale, rankshift/embedding, grammatical unit, grammatical class, and function will be consolidated and deepened.

Course Content

Week	Topics	Suggested Readings
1-2	The English clause in relation to organising principles of grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The English grammatical rank scale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - constituent relationship - consist-of-relationship • Rankshift (or embedding) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ranking clauses - downranked (or embedded) clauses 	Thompson (2014: Ch. 2)
3	Basic concepts in grammatical analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammatical unit/rank • Grammatical class • Grammatical function/element 	Downing (2014: Unit 2)
4-5	Subordinate clauses and formal marking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The finite subordinate clause • The non-finite subordinate clause • The verbless clause (i.e. finite subordinate clauses with elliptical elements) 	Quirk & Greenbaum (1973, pp. 310-313) Downing (2014, pp. 12-13)
6-7	Forms and functions of nominal clauses (embedded clauses)	Quirk & Greenbaum (1973, pp. 316-322)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>that</i>-nominal clause • <i>wh</i>-nominal clause • Nominal relative clause • Infinitive nominal clause (to-infinitive and bare infinitive) • <i>-ing</i>-nominal clause 	
8-10	<p>Relative clauses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form of the relative clause • Restrictive relative clause (embedded subordinate clause) • Non-restrictive relative clause (non-embedded subordinate clause) • Factors determining the choice of the relative pronoun 	Quirk & Greenbaum (1973, pp. 380-384)
11-13	<p>Forms and meanings of adverbial clauses (ranking or non-embedded subordinate clauses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • time • condition • reason • purpose • manner • concession 	<p>Quirk & Greenbaum (1973, pp. 322-330)</p> <p>Downing (2014, pp. 262-266)</p>

Reading List

- Biber, D. & Leech, G. (1999). *Longman grammar of spoken and written English*. London: Longman.
- Downing, A. (2015). *English grammar: A university course*. London & New York: Routledge.
- Huddleston, R. & Pullum, G. (2006). Coordination and subordination. In B. Aarts & A. McMahon (eds.), *The handbook of English linguistics*. 198-219. Malden, MA, Oxford & Carlton: Blackwell.
- Quirk, R. & Greenbaum, S. (1973). *A university grammar of English*. Essex: Longman.
- Quirk, R., Greenbaum, S., Leech, G. & Svartvik, J. (1985). *A comprehensive grammar of the English language*. London: Longman.
- Thompson, G. (2014). *Introducing functional grammar* (3rd edn.). New York & London: Routledge.