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<b>Evaluation:</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Date</b>
Weekly Questions	10%	Weekly
Leading discussion of articles	20%	TBD
Term Paper:		
Paper topic proposal	5%	Oct. 26
Paper Draft	10%	Nov. 23
Presentation	10%	Make-up class
Abstract	10%	Dec. 14
Final paper	35%	Dec. 14

**Course Description:** This course is a survey of some core topics in syntactic theory at an advanced level. Articles on each of these topics are assigned as readings and discussed in class. The articles will be almost entirely in the Minimalist framework, though occasionally some GB material may be included. Basic background in Minimalism (equivalent to LIN1131HF or Hornstein, Nunes and Grohmann 2005) is assumed.

**Readings:** Two readings are assigned every week. Every student is expected to read both readings. Hard copies of the readings will be placed in a marked folder in the department outside Diane's office. (Note: Two chapters of Kayne, Leu and Zanuttini (2014) count as one reading, to be elaborated below and in class.)

**Leading discussion of articles:** As of the second week of classes, the discussion of articles will be led by the students. Each student will be responsible for leading the discussion of two readings throughout the semester. The assignment of readings to students will be sorted out in the first class.

**Weekly Questions/Comments:** Starting in the second week, every student should submit two questions/comments every week, one on each of the two assigned readings. The question should be thoughtful, engaging, roughly 250 words long and can involve discussion of problematic argumentation in the paper, data that the analysis fails to account for, extension of proposals in the paper to other areas/problems, etc. These questions should be typed up and are due on the same day the readings are discussed. If a student is leading the discussion of an article in a given week, they do not have to submit questions that week.

**Term Paper:** Each student should hand in a paper (20-25 pages, double-spaced) at the end of the semester on any topic related to the course. The paper will be an original piece of work, written in the minimalist framework, analyzing a syntactic phenomenon in one or more languages or addressing a theoretical issue of interest. Each student should discuss her/his topic with me and submit a short **paper proposal** (approx. 2 pages, double-spaced) by **October 26**. The **first draft** of the paper (10-15 pages, double-spaced) is due by **November 23**. This first draft can be rough, but should, for the very least, provide a clear description of the problem under investigation and a review of some literature on the topic. Feedback on these drafts can be used toward the **presentations**, to be held in the makeup class. The feedback on the presentations can then be used toward writing the final paper. Each student should also write a conference-style **abstract** based on the paper. The **abstract and final paper** are both due on **December 14**.

**Course Schedule (approximate):**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Item Due (in addition to weekly questions)</b>
1	Sept. 14	Introduction	
	Article:	Freidin and Lasnik (2011)	
2	Sept. 21	Minimalist Design	
	Articles:	Chomsky (2005), Uriagereka (2007)	
3	Sept. 28	Minimalist Architecture: Control and Binding	
	Articles:	Hornstein & Nunes (2014), Truswell (2014)	
4	Oct. 5	Argument Structure	
	Articles:	Harley (2011), McCloskey (1997)	
	<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>Thanksgiving – No Class</b>	
5	Oct. 19	Case	
	Articles:	Aldridge (2008), Polinsky & Preminger (2014)	
6	Oct. 26	Minimality	<b>*Paper Proposal</b>
	Articles:	Rizzi (2011), Vikner (2006)	
7	Nov. 2	Phrase Structure	
	Articles:	Chomsky (2013), Nunes (2011)	
	<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>Fall Break – No Class</b>	
8	Nov. 16	NP/DP Structure I	
	Articles:	KLZ Chaps 1&3, KLZ Chaps 21&22	
9	Nov. 23	NP/DP Structure II	<b>*Paper Draft</b>
	Articles:	KLZ Chaps 25&26, Kahnemuyipour (2014)	
10	Nov. 30	Features, Agree and Move	
	Articles:	Pesetsky and Torrego (2007), Richards (2014)	
11	Dec. 7	Syntax-Phonology Interface and Phases	
	Articles:	Kahnemuyipour and Megerdooomian (2011), Selkirk (2011)	
12	Dec 9	<b>Presentations</b> (Time: TBD) - Makeup	
	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Abstract and Final Paper Due</b>	

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