# Linguistics 221B
## Introduction to Grammatical Theory

## Course goals
The major goals of this course are to:

- reinforce skills in analysis, argumentation and presentation of results from 221A, with particular emphasis on constructing test sentences and constructing arguments
- increase ability to read original research literature
- develop skills in analyzing syntax of unfamiliar languages
- gain familiarity with phenomena, descriptive terminology and analyses in two areas:
  - binding
  - A’-dependencies
- reflect on implications of above for architecture of grammar

## Tentative schedule

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| 7 | Strong and weak islands  
D-linking  
Relativized Minimality  
Rizzi: "Locality and Left Periphery" | #5: -Wh-movement exercise  
-Topicalization  
-Another wh-movement exercise |
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| 8 | Presidents’ Day holiday (Monday)  
Wh-agreement  
Chung: "Wh-agreement and 'Referentiality' in Chamorro"  
Null operators  
Successive cyclicity | #6: -Relative Clauses  
-English, Italian, and Spanish  
-Resumptive Pronouns in Relative Clauses |
| 9 | LF movement  
Crossover  
Reconstruction  
Takahashi: Traces or Copies, or Both – Part I | #7: -Relativized Minimality: Bulgarian and English  
-Three Irish Complementizers  
Mini-paper proposal due |
| 10 | Minimalist analyses  
Phases  
Nunes & Uriagereka: “Cyclicity and Extraction Domains” | #8: -Wh-phrases and quantifiers  
-Wh in Chinese |

This schedule is subject to change as the quarter proceeds.

**Grading**

- 30% Problem sets
- 10% Mini-paper
- 25% Midterm
- 35% Final exam

**Some useful references**

- M. Baltin and C. Collins, eds. (2001). The Handbook of Contemporary Syntactic Theory, Blackwell, Oxford

*Language and Linguistics Compass* (journal).