

Faculty	Arts and Humanities		
Home Department	Linguistics		
Module Topic	Formal Language Studies		
Generic Module Name	Linguistics 737		
Alpha-numeric code	LIN737		
NQF Level	8		
NQF Credit Value	30		
Duration	Semester		
Proposed semester to be offered.	First Semester		
Programmes in which the module will be offered.	BA Honours full-time (2731) BA Honours part-time (2701)		
Year Level	1		
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterize the main approaches to the study of language and characterise the formal study of language. • Analyse how the nature, acquisition, use, and evolution of language should inform a formal theory of language. • Identify syntactic categories and constituent structure in (un)familiar languages. • Demonstrate appropriate working knowledge of (i) structure in the nominal and clausal domains, and (ii) argument structure and grammatical dependencies. • Confidently approach the analysis of data sets from (un)familiar languages. • Write a coherent and logically argued review of published analyses, demonstrating a familiarity with widely used terminology and the technical issues at stake. 		
Main Content	<p>Basic tenets of Generative Grammar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two approaches to the study of language (I- and E-Language) • Leading ideas and problems guiding inquiry in the field • Historical overview of the field: from Principles & Parameters Theory (P&P) to the Minimalist Programme (MP) <p>Key elements of Principles & Parameters Theory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bounding Theory • C-command and Government Theory • Theta Theory • Case Theory • Binding Theory • Control Theory <p>Implementing core insights from P&P in MP. Extension and application of the theory to an applied domain, e.g. language variation, contact, change, acquisition, speech acts and/or information structure.</p>		
Pre-Requisite Modules	None		
Co-Requisite Modules	None		
Prohibited Module Combination	None		
Breakdown of Learning Time	Hours	Timetable Requirement per week	Other teaching modes that does not require time-table
<i>Contact with lecturer / tutor:</i>	26	<i>Lectures p.w.</i>	0
<i>Assignments & Tasks:</i>	120	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>	0

<i>Assessments:</i>	20	<i>Tutorials p.w.</i>	2	
<i>Self-study:</i>	134			
<i>Practicals:</i>	0			
<i>Other:</i>	0			
Total learning time:	300			
Methods of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 50% Final Assessment (FA): 50%			
Assessment Module type	Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA)			