Syntax
What syntactic properties are shared by all natural languages? What syntactic properties distinguish them? What do we know when we know a language? What are syntactic properties? How do we construct a theory of syntax? What is a grammar? What kind of facts do generative grammarians want to be able to describe and explain? The primary goal of the course is to equip students with the ability to address these questions in a precise and informed way. This course is an introduction to syntactic theory: the questions that the field asks, the methodology it employs, some of the main generalizations that have been drawn and results that have been achieved. We will then look at some of the leading ideas that have emerged within the generative tradition. We will look at syntactic categories and how they might differ from semantic categories. We will look at structural relations between different elements in a sentence, and discuss the idea of 'movement' in syntax, how it works, and how it is constrained.

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