*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

*Syllabus*

*LANGUAGE TYPOLOGY - 10808*

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*HU Credits:  2*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: School of Language Sciences*

*Academic year: 1*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Eitan Grossman*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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*Course/Module description:*
  *In this course, we will address some of the fundamental questions of linguistics: To what extent do languages differ? What's universal in language? Why are languages the way they are?*

*Course/Module aims:*
  *To understand the central questions, analytical methods, and results of contemporary language typology.*
*To be able to conduct small-scale typological research.*
*To understand what's at stake when linguists talk about explanatory accounts of language structures.*

*Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:*
  *To explain the central questions, analytical methods, and results of contemporary language typology.*
*To conduct small-scale typological research.*
*To analyze data from grammars and descriptions.*
*To construct a balanced language sample for typological research.*
*To analyze cross-linguistic data.*
*To explain what's at stake when linguists talk about explanatory accounts of language structures.*

*Attendance requirements(%):*
  *100*

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The course will consist of a weekly lecture and discussion.*
*Readings and student presentations.*

*Course/Module Content:*
  *Linguistic diversity in the world's languages*
*Greenberg's Question*
*Phonological Typology and Phonological Universals*
*Morphological typology: the structure of words*
*Lexical categories*

*Nominal categories and their syntax*
*Verbal categories and their syntax*
*Syntactic typology*
*Linear order*
*Pragmatic typology (speech acts and their grammar)*
*Diachronic typology*
*Language contact: typological perspectives*


*Required Reading:*
*An Introduction to Linguistic Typology (2012), by Viveka Velupillai, John Benjamins Publishing Company.*

*See also Moodle site.*


*Additional Reading Material:*
*See Moodle site*


*Course/Module evaluation:*
*End of year written/oral examination 0 %*
*Presentation 10 %*
*Participation in Tutorials 0 %*
*Project work 80 %*
*Assignments 10 %*
*Reports 0 %*
*Research project 0 %*
*Quizzes 0 %*
*Other 0 %*


*Additional information:*
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