



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Descriptive Linguistics - 41011*

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*HU Credits: 1*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: linguistics*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Eliana Kessler*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Ms. Eliana Kessler

Course/Module description:

A tutorial for "Descriptive Linguistics", which introduces European Structuralism as a method of language description.

Course/Module aims:

Engaging in discussion of questions and problems arising from a preliminary acquaintance with this method of linguistic description.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

understand the nature of the methods used in structural linguistics.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Tutorial

Course/Module Content:

1. Linguistics: the scope of the subject
2. Linguistics: A scientific conception of language
3. Langue and parole
4. The Linguistic sign(Im)mutability of the sign
5. Linguistic perspectives: Synchronic and Diachronic linguistics; the comparative method; typological comparison.
6. Synchrony (three parts)
  - 6.1 The components of linguistic reality
  - 6.2 The linguistic value
  - 6.3 Syntagmatic and paradigmatic analysis

Required Reading:

F. de Saussure, *Cours de linguistique générale*, édition critique préparée par Tullio de Mauro [traduite de l'italien par Louis-jean Calvet], Paris 1972  
(in any language it is translated into)

Additional Reading Material:

R.E. Asher and J.M.Y.Simpson, (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Language and*

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*Linguistics, Oxford 1994*

*L. Bloomfield, Language, London 1933*

*G. Goldenberg, Studies in Semitic Linguistics, Jerusalem 1998 T.*

*Givon, Syntax: An Introduction, Amsterdam 2001*

*Ch. F. Hockett, A Course in Modern Linguistics, New York 1958*

*O. Jespersen, The Philosophy of Grammar, London 1924*

*J. Lyons, Introduction to Theoretical Linguistics, Cambridge 1969*

*A. Martinet, Éléments de linguistique générale, Paris 1960*

Course/Module evaluation:

*End of year written/oral examination 0 %*

*Presentation 0 %*

*Participation in Tutorials 0 %*

*Project work 0 %*

*Assignments 100 %*

*Reports 0 %*

*Research project 0 %*

*Quizzes 0 %*

*Other 0 %*

Additional information: