

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Linguistic Typology - 41127*

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*HU Credits:* 2

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

*Responsible Department:* Linguistics

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 2nd Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Coordinator Office Hours:* Sunday

*Teaching Staff:*

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Prof. Ethan Grossman

Course/Module description:

*This course provides a general introduction to the field of linguistic typology. Apart from getting familiarized with basic tools and methods, as well as resources commonly used in linguistic typology today, the participant will receive an overview of frequently studied typological topics covering aspects of phonological, lexical and morphosyntactic typology. The last classes of the course will be dedicated to various types of explanations in linguistic typology.*

Course/Module aims:

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

*On successful completion of this module, students should be able to outline major areas of research in linguistic typology and describe how a typological study is conducted. The participants will be able to design a small typological study, develop a set of variables and code a number of languages according to a developed a guideline. The participants will be able to organize and summarize the collected data and explained the observed variation.*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The participants will "adopt" a non-familiar language to serve as a source of examples on variables under investigation. The participants are expected to provide examples from the language on several occasions.*

Course/Module Content:

*Class 1: A typology of linguistic typology, variables of interest, major resources  
Class 2: Sampling, working with raw data  
Class 3: Phonological typology (1)  
Class 4: Phonological typology (2)  
Class 5: Lexical typology (1)  
Class 6: Lexical typology (2)  
Class 7: Morphological typology (1)  
Class 8: Morphological typology (2)  
Class 9: Syntactic typology (1)*

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*Class 10: Syntactic typology (2)*

*Class 11: Explanations in linguistic typology: an overview*

*Class 12: Explanations in linguistic typology: functional and cognitive universal*

*Class 13: Demographic, geographic, and ecological variables in typological research*

*Required Reading:*

*Velupillai, Viveka. 2012. An introduction to linguistic typology. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.*

*Additional Reading Material:*

*On Moodle*

*Grading Scheme:*

*Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 50 %*

*Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 50 %*

*Additional information:*

*Attendance and participation are mandatory. If you cannot be present in class, you must make arrangements with the teacher.*