Course bibliography

The most important part of the course is your weekly advance preparation in the form of readings and assignments. The preparatory readings are coherent thematic 'packages', if you like, that are based on excerpts from original texts by professional linguists. The following list (called a 'bibliography') provides a systematic overview of those original sources.

Introduction(s) to Linguistics

Aitchison, Jean (1999). Linguistics. 3rd ed. London: Hodder and Stoughton. [Chapter 1]

Hudson, Richard (1984). Invitation to Linguistics. Oxford: Blackwell. [Chapter 2]

Mair, Christian (2008). English Linguistics: An Introduction. Tübingen: Narr.

McGregor, William (2009). Linguistics: An Introduction. London: Continuum.

Morphology and syntax

Aarts, Bas (2008). English Syntax and Argumentation. 3rd ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Brinton, Laurel J. (2000). The Structure of Modern English: A Linguistic Introduction. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

Dirven, René and Marjolijn Verspoor (2004). Cognitive Explorations of Language and Linguistics. 2nd ed. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins. [Chapter 4]

Huddleston, Rodney (1984). Introduction to the Grammar of English. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Chapter 1]

Kroeger, Paul R. (2005). Analyzing Grammar: An Introduction. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Chapter 4]

Leech, Geoffrey, Margaret Deuchar and Robert Hoogenraad (2005). English Grammar for Today. 2nd edition. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Noonan, Michael (2005). A Course in English Grammar. Ms., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Available online at <www.uwm.edu/~noonan>. [Chapter 1]

Payne, Thomas E. (2006). Exploring Language Structure: A Student's Guide. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Payne, Thomas E. (1997). Describing Morphosyntax. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Plag, Ingo, Maria Braun, Sabine Lappe and Mareile Schramm (2009). Introduction to English Linguistics. 2nd edition. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. [Chapters 3, 4]

Riemer, Nick (2010). Introducing Semantics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Chapters 9, 10] Swan, Michael (2005). Grammar. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Reference grammars of English

Large parts of our course are thoroughly informed by the two authoritative reference grammars of English. Their comprehensive versions, which should become standard reference works during your studies, are listed here:



Huddleston, Rodney and Geoffrey K. Pullum (2002). The Cambridge Grammar of the English Language. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Quirk, Randolph, Sidney Greenbaum, Geoffrey Leech and Jan Svartvik (1985). A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language. London: Longman.

Both works are also available in a much more reduced form (both content- and price-wise) and can thus be used as textbooks:

Huddleston, Rodney and Geoffrey K. Pullum (2005). A Student's Introduction to English Grammar. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Greenbaum, Sidney and Randolph Quirk (1990). A Student's Grammar of the English Language. London: Longman.