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The focus of this syntax course is Lexical-Functional Grammar (LFG), a lexically oriented, non-transformational generative model, but at appropriate points we will also compare LFG and the Chomskyan mainstream. We will concentrate on the LFG treatment of the major aspects of the syntax of English clauses and noun phrases, but we will also systematically compare English and Hungarian, the latter being a typologically radically different language from the former. This systematic comparison, important in itself, will also serve for the students as the basis for their completing one of the optional requirements for a grade: the characterization of their native language if it is not English or Hungarian. After a brief overview of the most important principles and assumptions of generative grammar and that of the architectures of the Chomskyan mainstream and LFG, we will concentrate on the analysis of English phenomena including, but not limited to, the structure of clauses, passivization, infinitival constructions, the dual argument structure of dative verbs, intransitivization, middle-formation, phrasal verbs, copula constructions, the structure of noun phrases, nominalization, morphosyntactic issues and the analysis of the corresponding phenomena in Hungarian. After the ppt-presentations and oral exams on the third occasion (see below), I will lecture on the implementational potential of LFG.

The course can be completed in one of the following two ways of students' choice. On the third occasion, a student (i) gives a description of the relevant aspects of their mother tongue (if it is not English or Hungarian) in the form of a ppt-presentation capitalizing on the analyses of English and Hungarian discussed in our sessions (ii) takes a short oral exam based on the material covered on the previous two occasions.

SESSIONS	DATES	TIMES	TOPICS
1	23/09	12-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction, orientation • The generative linguistic enterprise • The architecture of LFG (major assumptions and principles, components, constituent structure, functional structure, argument structure, the taxonomy of grammatical functions) • The treatment of passivization, infinitival constructions, the dual argument structure of dative verbs, intransitivization, middle-formation • Lexical Mapping Theory • Clause structure

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2	21/10	12-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phrasal verbs, complex predicates • Copula constructions • The structure of noun phrases • Nominalization • Morphosyntactic issues
3	11/11	12-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students' ppt-presentations • Oral exams • The implementational potential of LFG

The reading assignments will be taken from, and the majority of the handouts will be based on, the following sources.

Börjars, Kersti, Rachel Nordlinger & Louisa Sadler. 2019. *Lexical-Functional Grammar. An Introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Bresnan, Joan. 1982. ed. *The Mental Representation of Grammatical Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Laczkó, Tibor. 2021. *Lexicalising Clausal Syntax: The Interaction of Syntax, the Lexicon and Information Structure in Hungarian*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.