

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Assignments
- Readings
- Class participation
- Term paper (your own work; make an appointment with me by Mar 31 to discuss your topic)

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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| Jan 26 | Subjacency, the Cycle Riemsdijk, Henk van and Edwin Williams. 1985. <i>Introduction to the Theory of Grammar</i> . Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [Chapter 4: 58-79] |
| Feb 2 Feb 9 | ECP, Barriers, (Relativized) Minimality Chomsky, Noam. 1986. <i>Barriers</i> . Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [pp. 1-48] Rizzi, Luigi. 1990. <i>Relativized Minimality</i> . Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [pp. 1-27] |
| Feb 16 | Early Minimalism, Economy Chomsky, Noam. 1989. Some notes on economy of derivation and representation. In <i>Functional heads and clause structure</i> , eds. Itziar Laka and Anoop Mahajan, 43-74. Cambridge, Mass: MIT, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy. [Also in: Freidin, Robert ed. 1991. <i>Principles and parameters in comparative grammar</i> , 417-454. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.] [Also in: Chomsky, Noam. 1995. <i>The Minimalist Program</i> , Ch. 2. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.] |
| Feb 23 | The Minimalist Program Chomsky, Noam. 1993. A Minimalist Program for linguistic theory. In <i>The view from Building 20: Essays in linguistics in honour of Sylvain Bromberger</i> , eds. Ken Hale and Samuel Jay Keyser, 1-52. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [Also in: Chomsky, Noam. 1995. <i>The Minimalist Program</i> , Ch. 3.] *Bošković, Željko, and Lasnik, Howard eds. 2007. <i>Minimalist syntax: The essential readings</i> . Oxford: Blackwell. [pp. 14-17] |
| Mar 2 | Move-F, typology of wh-movement, superiority Bošković, Željko. 1998. LF Movement and the Minimalist Program. In <i>Proceedings of the North Eastern Linguistics Society Annual Meeting 28 (NELS 28)</i> , ed. by Pius Tamanji and Kiyomi Kusumoto, 43-57. Amherst: University of Massachusetts, GLSA. Bošković, Željko. 2002. On multiple wh-fronting. <i>Linguistic Inquiry</i> 33.3:351-383. *Bošković, Željko, and Lasnik, Howard eds. 2007. <i>Minimalist syntax: The essential readings</i> . Oxford: Blackwell. [pp. 154-168] |
| Mar 9 | SPRING RECESS |
| Mar 16 | Copy Theory Bobaljik, Jonathan David. 2002. A-chains at the PF-interface: Copies and ‘covert’ movement. <i>Natural Language and Linguistic Theory</i> 20:197-267. |
| Mar 23 | Single Output Syntax, Multiple Spell-out Fox, Danny and Jon Nissenbaum. 1999. Extraposition and Scope: a case for overt QR. In <i>Proceedings of the 18th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 18)</i> , ed. by Sonya Bird, Andrew Carnie, Jason D. Haugen, and Peter Norquest, 132-144. Somerville, Mass: Cascadilla Press. *Bošković, Željko, and Lasnik, Howard eds. 2007. <i>Minimalist syntax: The essential readings</i> . Oxford: Blackwell. [pp. 60-65] |

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| Mar 30 | <p>The Cycle again Richards, Norvin. 1999. Featural cyclicity and the ordering of multiple specifiers. In <i>Working Minimalism</i>, ed. by Samuel David Epstein and Norbert Hornstein, 127-158. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.</p> <p>Bošković, Željko, and Lasnik, Howard. 1999. How strict is the cycle? <i>Linguistic Inquiry</i> 30:691-703.</p> |
| Apr 6 | <p>Agree(ment), Phases Bobaljik, Jonathan David and Susi Wurmbrand. 2005. The domain of agreement. <i>Natural Language and Linguistic Theory</i> 23.4:809-865.</p> <p>*Bošković, Željko, and Lasnik, Howard eds. 2007. <i>Minimalist syntax: The essential readings</i>. Oxford: Blackwell. [pp. 212-219]</p> |
| Apr 13 | TBA |
| Apr 20 | TBA |
| Apr 27 | TBA |

Useful articles and overviews:

- Collins, Chris. 2001. Economy Conditions in Syntax. In *The Handbook of Contemporary Syntactic Theory*, eds. Mark Baltin and Chris Collins, 45-61. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Hornstein, Norbert, and Weinberg, Amy. 1995. The empty category principle. In *Government and binding theory and the Minimalist Program*, ed. Gert Webelhuth, 241-296. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Lasnik, Howard. 2001. Derivation and representation in modern transformational syntax. In *The Handbook of contemporary syntactic theory*, eds. Mark Baltin and Chris Collins, 62-88. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Marantz, Alec. 1995. The Minimalist Program. In *Government and binding theory and the Minimalist Program*, ed. Gert Webelhuth, 349-382. Oxford: Blackwell.

***Note:**

Of the following works only selected excerpts printed in Bošković & Lasnik (2007) have been assigned as readings. For syntax students, it is highly recommended to read the full-length articles (at some point).

- Chomsky, Noam. 1995. *The Minimalist Program*, Chapter 4 (*Categories and transformations*). Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.
- Chomsky, Noam. 2000. Minimalist inquiries: The framework. In *Step by step: Essays on minimalist syntax in honor of Howard Lasnik*, eds. Roger Martin, David Michaels and Juan Uriagereka, 89-155. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.
- Chomsky, Noam. 2001. Derivation by phase. In *Ken Hale: A life in language*, ed. Michael Kenstowicz, 1-52. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.
- Chomsky, Noam. 2001. Beyond Explanatory Adequacy. In *MIT Occasional Papers in Linguistics*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy.