Dept. of English

College of Arts English Syntax Syllabus **University of Basra**

Third-Year Students

2019-2020

Course Description: The course falls within the trend of Structural Grammar, one of the fundamental schools of Grammar. It covers both branches of grammar, morphology and syntax. It acquaints students with the branches of morphology, inflectional and derivational. The major topics of morphology are : Definition and Types of Morphemes, Immediate Constituent Analysis (ICA), Definition and Types of Allomorphs, Definition and Classification of Words in English, Processes of Word Formation, and Inflectional Paradigms. The main topics covered within syntax are: Definition and Domain of Syntax, Noun and Verb Phrases, Basic Sentence Patterns, Parts of Speech, and Modification.

Learning Outcomes: The potential learning outcomes emerging from teaching this course are: 1-Learners will be able to identify different types of morphemes and allomorphs, 2- Differentiating the various categories of affixes in English, 3- The ability to perform the ICA for the English words, 4- Identifying the paradigmatic forms of words in English, 5- Recognizing verb and noun phrases structures, 6- The mastery of sentence patterns analysis, and 7- Acquainting the major classes of parts of speech.

First Term Items

1 st week	Definition of Grammar (morphology and syntax)
2 nd week	Definition & Types of Morphemes
3 rd week	Free and Bound Morpheme
4 th week	Bases and Affixes
5 th week	Immediate Constituent Analysis (ICA)
6 th week	Allomorphs/ Definition and Types
7 th week	Homophones
8 th week	Words/ Definition of Word
	Classification of Words in English
9 th & 10 weeks	Processes of Word Formation
11 th week	Inflectional Paradigm/ Definition and Types
12 th week	The Noun Paradigm
13 th &	Verb Paradigm & The Comparable Paradigm
14 weeks	
15 th week	Parts of Speech: Form Classes
	Second Term Items
1 st & 2 nd weeks	Parts of Speech: Structure Classes
3 rd week	Definition of Syntax
4 th & 5 th weeks	Noun and Verb Phrases
6 th & 7 th weeks	Basic Sentence Patterns
8 th week, 9 th ,	Parts of Speech-
& 10 th weeks	Positional Classes
11^{th} , 12^{th} and 13^{th} weeks	Modification

 14^{th} & 15^{th} weeks

Revision

Textbook:

Stageberg, N.C. (1971). An Introductory English Grammar. 2nd ed. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, INC.

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