



## Linguistics Modules – Module Information Sheet (2021/22)

### 1. General Information

- **Module Code:** PLIN0024
- **Title:** Intermediate Generative Grammar: Locality
- **Credits:** 15
- **Module Tutor:** Gregor Williamson; **Contact:** gregor.williamson.14@ucl.ac.uk
- **Other Tutor(s):** Jana Willer-Gold; **Contact:** j.willer-gold@ucl.ac.uk
- **Module Available at the following levels:**
  - Level 5 UG
  - Level 7 PG

- **Module Description:**

This is a mid-level course in generative grammar with a special emphasis on theories treating displacement and islands.

- **Prerequisites:** Introductory Syntax
- **Timetable:** <https://timetable.ucl.ac.uk/tt/createCustomTimet.do#>
- **Summary:**
  - Week 1: Displacement and islands: Some phenomena
  - Week 2: An appealing idea: Cyclicity + subjacency = islands?
  - Week 3: Strong and weak islands and the Condition on extraction domains (CED)
  - Week 4: Aside: The Coordinate Structure Constraint and the coordination of likes
  - Week 5: Weak islands: Syntactic Minimality, semantic coherence, or both?
  - Week 6: Implementing CED
  - Week 7: Quantifiers: Scope, c-command, and generalized quantifiers
  - Week 8: Movement approaches to quantifier scope: QR

- Week 9: Non-movement approaches to quantifier scope
- Week 10: Review
- **Information for students on other programmes and Affiliate/intercollegiate students:**

If you want to take this module, you should select it on Portico as usual. Any general queries about taking the module can be addressed to [pals.lingteachingoffice@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:pals.lingteachingoffice@ucl.ac.uk).

## 2. Teaching

- **Teaching methods and tutorial/lab arrangements:**

- Lecture (asynchronous): Pre-recorded lecture videos on moodle
- Backup sessions (synchronous): Wednesday, 9-11am (in-person with COVID-contingent zoom backup available).
- Students watch the lecture videos and attend the weekly synchronous backup sessions.

- **Communication:**

You should use the moodle forum for general questions both regarding content and administrative matters. Otherwise, the preferred means of communications is by email to the course coordinator. You can expect a response within 48 hours.

- **Workload:**

- XX hours attendance;
- XX hours private reading and other preparation;
- XX hours revision and assessment;
- X hours of experimental participation

- **Core Texts:**

- Core texts will be uploaded onto moodle. But the following are all good places to start.
  - Abels, K (2016). "Displacement in Syntax". In: Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics.
  - Roberts, I. (1997). "Comparative Syntax". London: Arnold (chapter 4).
  - Szabolcsi, Anna (2006). "Strong vs. Weak Islands". In: The Blackwell Companion to Syntax.

- **Libraries and other resources:** n/a

- **Additional Information:**

**Assessment:**

Please refer to the 'Assessment tab' on the module Moodle page for assessment submission dates.

**PLIN0024 (undergraduate delivery)**

10% abstract of your group's proposed presentation (i.e. a summary of 1-2 pages).

40% Presentation

50% Final coursework: a critical review of a primary research paper (1,000 words)

**PLIN0024 (postgraduate delivery)**

Postgraduate students must also hand in an abstract, prepare a presentation, and present – but this is not marked.

100% Coursework: a critical review of a primary research paper (1,500 words)

**Submission procedure and policy**

- All work is to be submitted electronically via Moodle (as a Moodle or Turnitin task). Accepted file formats are .pdf (strongly preferred), .doc or .docx and .ppt or .pptx.
- The lower word limit (UG 750, PG 1,200) and the upper limit (UG 1,000, PG 1,500) are strict. Markers may exclude material past the word limit from assessment and feedback.
- For correct citation etiquette, please consult the following resources: On the correct form of citations in linguistics: [http://courses.washington.edu/lingclas/Citation\\_ref.pdf](http://courses.washington.edu/lingclas/Citation_ref.pdf) On the when and why of citations: <https://moodle.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=17435>
- Students are expected to have familiarised themselves with UCL's guidelines on academic misconduct and to abide by them strictly: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/exams-and-assessments/academic-integrity>

**Late work and extenuating circumstances**

Any requests for extensions to deadlines, or for extenuating circumstances to be taken into consideration by examiners, should be made by completing the relevant form. Instructions are available on the Moodle page for this module, under the Assessment tab. No extensions or special consideration can be given outside of this process, and there is a grading penalty for late submission of

coursework. Again, information about this policy can be found on the course Moodle page, under the 'Assessment' tab.

- **Recording:** The lectures will be pre-recorded, and will be posted on Moodle each week on Monday.

### 3. Assessment

- Level: 4/5/6 UG

Mode of Assessment	Weight	Format
Coursework	10%	Presentation abstract
	40%	Presentation
Coursework 2	50%	Critical paper review

Table 1. Assessment Formats and Weightings

- Level: 7 PG

Mode of Assessment	Weight	Format
Coursework	0%	Presentation abstract
	0%	Presentation
Coursework 2	100%	Critical paper review

Table 2. Assessment Formats and Weightings

### 4. Types of Feedback

Types of feedback students on this module can expect to receive.

#### 4.1 Generic Tutor Feedback

Type of Feedback	Provided
<b>Oral feedback</b> is given to the whole class (e.g. this may be about coursework, an in-class or online task).	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Electronic feedback</b> to the whole group (e.g. see oral feedback above).	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Printed feedback</b> to the whole group (e.g. answers to an exercise done in class, feedback relating to general performance on coursework or a task etc).	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Coverage of topics in class</b> which have been raised by members of the class (e.g. in areas where students ask for clarification/elaboration, these topics are addressed in class).	<b>Yes</b>

<b>Electronic responses</b> to the whole group via the VLE or via email (eg sending replies to individual queries to the whole group).	<b>Yes</b>
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Table 3. Generic Tutor Feedback

## 4.2 Automated Feedback

Type of Feedback	Provided
<b>Tests / quizzes</b> within Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). These are tests which do not count towards the module mark, but serve to inform students of how well they are understanding materials taught.	<b>No</b>
<b>Personal Response Systems</b> used within class (e.g. to test that students understand a concept, to survey which topics students would like elaborated).	<b>No</b>

Table 4. Automated Feedback

## 4.3 Specific Targeted Tutor Feedback

Type of Feedback	Provided
<b>Oral responses within class</b> (e.g. demonstrators talking to students in lab, stats and computing classes).	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Oral responses outside class</b> (e.g. students are invited to telephone or meet with module staff with individual queries regarding topics taught).	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Electronic responses to queries</b> from individual students are provided (as above)	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Summative comments on coursework</b> (e.g. handwritten feedback at the end of a written assessment which counts towards the module mark).	<b>Yes</b>
<b>On-script comments</b> in the body of individual summative coursework	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Indication of achievement</b> against set marking criteria (e.g. for an individual essay or a lab report).	<b>No</b>
<b>Feedback using a standard feedback form</b> (e.g. essay feedback form or lab marking forms)	<b>No</b>
<b>Oral feedback on coursework</b> talking to individual students about their coursework on the phone or in person, this could be summative points or specific comments on parts of the essay / lab report / project.	<b>No</b>
<b>Electronic feedback on coursework.</b> This could be via email or within VLE (e.g. using Gradebook on Moodle).	<b>No</b>

Table 5. Specific Targeted Tutor Feedback

#### 4.4 Feedback From People Other Than Module Staff

Type of Feedback	Provided
<b>Peer feedback:</b> fellow students commenting on/marking each other's work, or working together on a task (e.g. group work providing students with feedback on their ideas/understanding).	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Self-feedback</b> (e.g. students evaluating their own coursework, worksheet answers, etc.) The course encourages to compare the model answers to backup problems with the students' own preparations for those backups	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Feedback from seminar tutors:</b> Students may receive feedback on their understanding of topics/answers to queries/feedback on coursework from their tutor (e.g. poster, Research Project presentations etc)	<b>Yes</b>

Table 6. Feedback from People other than Module Staff

#### 4.5 Feedback related to examinations

Type of Feedback	Provided
<b>A mock examination</b> is given to help students prepare for the final exam.	<b>No</b>
<b>Marks for the previous year provided online</b> , with a breakdown of marks for individual questions	<b>No</b>
<b>Samples of real student work</b> , such as coursework, exam essays, and projects from previous students on the module.	<b>Yes</b>
Other exam-related feedback (please give details or <b>delete table row</b> )	<b>No</b>

Table 7. Feedback related to examinations

### 5. Specific Transferable Skills

Transferable skills students on this module can expect to develop, categorised into skill areas.

#### 5.1 Academic

- **Learning Actively** – Able to approach learning as an active agent, taking responsibility for the process and outcomes.

- **Analysing Data** – Able to filter and organise information to develop an argument and work toward a conclusion, applying numerical analysis where appropriate.
- **Thinking Critically** – Able to consider claims made against the evidence available and to develop one's own view systematically.
- **Using Sources** – Able to locate and use appropriate books, journals, websites and other sources to gather relevant data.
- **Solving Problems** – Able to use systematic approaches to overcome difficulties in producing a desired outcome.
- **Managing Projects** – Able to plan a coordinated set of tasks and enact over time to produce a substantial result.

## 5.2 Self-Management

- **Reflecting on Learning** – Able to review dispassionately one's approaches to learning and the outcomes and progressively improve the process.
- **Managing Time** – Able to prioritise tasks and commitments to achieve optimum results in a designated timeframe.
- **Being Creative / Innovative** – Able to generate and apply original approaches to tasks and problems and produce improved outcomes.
- **Assessing Oneself** – Able to identify one's own strengths, weaknesses, progress made and action needed to improve effectiveness.
- **Being Independent** – Able to work at own initiative with minimal supervision, taking responsibility for action and outcomes.
- **Managing Resources** – Able to allocate and conserve funds and other resources on a day to day basis and to support projects.

## 5.3 Communication

- **Writing** – Able to communicate in textual forms (essays, reports, journal entries, web pages etc.) in an appropriate style with a clear narrative flow.
- **Listening** – Able to hear and appreciate the content, background and purpose of what someone else is communicating to you.

- **Using Information Technology** – Able to use digital technology for managing information and to mediate communication for learning and other purposes.
- **Presenting** – Able to speak to an audience, using visual aids as appropriate and respond to questions.
- **Communicating globally** – Able to understand and manage factors affecting communication across cultures, including learning other languages.
- **Planning and making decisions** – Able to identify steps needed to work towards goals and communicate them, including means of monitoring progress.

#### 5.4 Working with others

- **Working in teams** – Able to co-operate with others, to contribute your strengths and learn from theirs with a common purpose.
- **Negotiating** – Able to respect the needs and interests of others when they differ from your own and to find common ground.
- **Leading** – Able to galvanise a team into cooperative action, to manage, guide or facilitate a group to maximise success.
- **Understanding others** – Able to recognise the variety of ways in which people can think and approach tasks, adjusting your own to suit.
- **Assessing self and peers** – Able to assess your own performance objectively and to give and receive constructive feedback with others.
- **Managing change** – Able to adapt to changing circumstances and maintain focus on the group's declared goals.