COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is concerned with the interaction of syntax, semantics and pragmatics in grammatical systems. The discussion will focus on how a semantic representation is linked to a syntactic representation by means of a linking algorithm. It addresses the linguistic principles that determine how the syntactic arguments of verbs and the participant roles in situations are related within Role and Reference Grammar.

COURSE TOPICS:

1. Syntactic structure
2. Lexical representation and semantic roles
3. Information structure
4. Syntactic relations and case marking
5. Linking syntactic and semantic representations in simple sentences
6. The structure of complex sentences
7. Linking syntax and semantics in complex sentences

COURSE GRADE:

Participation and discussion  30%
Assignments         40%
Term paper          30%

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

OTHER REFERENCES:


Other related readings of Role and Reference Grammar can be downloaded from http://linguistics.buffalo.edu/people/faculty/vanvalin/rrg.html