



Department of English Studies

General information		
Name of the course	Morphosyntax of the English Language	
Course instructor	Dr Branka Drljača Margić, Associate Professor	
Study programme	Undergraduate Study Programme in English Language and Literature	
Status of the course	Compulsory	
Academic year	2022-2023 (winter semester)	
Language	English	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	4
	Number of class hours (Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	30+0+15

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION
1.1. Course objectives
The objective of the course is to familiarise students with the basics of English morphology and syntax, and to show them the interrelation between formal and meaningful phenomena in a language.
1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course
Completed <i>Introduction to the study of the English language</i> or an equivalent course. Please check with the course instructor directly prior to application at bdrljaca@ffri.uniri.hr
1.3. Expected course learning outcomes
Upon completion of the course, students should become familiar with the basic concepts and issues in English morphology and syntax, and capable of comparing and critically examining the descriptions of morphosyntactic phenomena in English descriptive grammars, as well as of defending their position on certain controversial issues in English morphosyntax.
1.4. Course content
The course contains the description of the component parts of words, clauses and sentences in English. The description of different classes of morphemes and morphological processes is followed by the description of the parts of speech (nouns, pronouns, articles, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, determiners). The course also includes the overview of syntactic functions of sentence elements (subject, predicate, object, complement). Different sentence types are studied in terms of their complexity (simple, compound and complex sentences). On the basis of syntactic and semantic criteria, subordinate clauses are grouped into different classes and analysed. Morphosyntactic aspects of the English language are contrastively related to the same aspects of other languages, especially Croatian.
1.5. Manner of instruction
✓ Lectures ✓ Seminars and workshops ✓ Individual assignments