

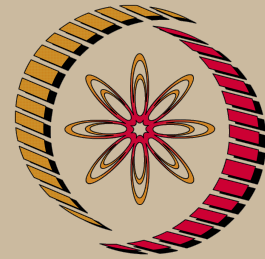
# Principles and Parameters in Natural Language - Video course

## COURSE OUTLINE

This course offers a view of human language as a rule governed system. It will show how language is learnt and how human mind stores structure of language. This course will introduce components of linguistics theory in generative framework. Some broad topics that will be covered in this course include: Introduction to language and linguistics as a scientific domain of systematic investigation into language at the levels of sounds, words, and sentences. Nature of learning language from generative perspective; Biological Foundation of Language; Generative Foundation of Language Acquisition; Language Acquisition Device; Universal Grammar; Structure of Language around Sounds, Words, and Sentences; Constraints on Word Formation; Introduction to phonotactic constraints on word formation; Order of Words in Sentence (Subject-Object-Verb); X-bar Theory (Specifiers vs. Complements, Arguments vs. Adjuncts); Theta-Theory; Theta Role Assignment; Case Theory (Abstract, Inherent, and Morphological Case, Exceptional Case Marking, Nominative-Accusative vs. Ergative-Absolutive patterns); Raising Movement (A-Movement); Movement in Passives; A-bar-Movement (Wh-Movement, Constraints on A-bar Movements; Binding Theory (Conditions A, B, and C, Role of Structural Relationships such as C-command, Locality, Binding Domains); Constraints on Movement

## COURSE DETAIL

Lecture Number	Lecture Topic
1	Introduction of the Course
2	What is linguistics? What is Language?
3	Language and Arbitrariness, Language and Dialect
4	E vs I Language, Language as a rule governed



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### Additional Reading:

1. Carnie, A. *Syntax: A Generative Introduction*, London: Blackwell Publishing Co., 2007.
2. Cook, V. J. and Mark Newson, *Chomsky's Universal Grammar: An Introduction*, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 1996
3. Newmeyer, F. J. *Generative Linguistics: A Historical Perspective*, New York: Routledge, 1996

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	system
5	Language Faculty, Language in Human Mind
6	How do we learn language?
7	Language Acquisition
8	Innateness: Some Essential Concepts
9	Structure of Language at the Level of Sounds
10	Sounds (Vocal Apparatus)
11	Places and Manners of Articulation
12	Word Formation/Phonotactic Rules
13	Rules of Word Formation (Singular-Plural)
14	Sentence: An Introduction
15	Making of a Sentence (Components)
16	Grammaticality and Acceptability
17	Subject and Verb in a Sentence
18	Sentence: Objects and Verbs
19	Phrase Structure
20	X-Bar Theory
21	Specifier and Complement
22	Complements and Adjuncts
23	VP Componentes

24	Categorial Selections, Selectional Restrictions on verbs
25	Thematic Relations
26	Case
27	Morphological and Abstract Case
28	Structural Case
29	Exceptional Case Marking
30	Movement
31	Motivations for Movement
32	Questions and Movement
32B	Guest Lecture: Generative Grammar (Professor B. N. Patnaik)
33	Passives and NP Movement
34	NP Movement and Raising
35	Binding Theory and NP Interpretations
36	Principles of Binding Theory
37	Constraints on Movements
38	Structure of Language in Theoretical Descriptions
39	Negation
40	Structure and Pragmatics

**References:**

1. Culicover, Peter W. *Natural Language Syntax*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2009
2. Haegeman, L. *Introduction to Government and Binding Theory*, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 1994