

PS Traditional Syntax (Summer 2006)  
**Session 1: Preliminaries**

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## **2 *Schein* Requirements**

- Attend regularly, pay attention and participate in class!
- Read the assigned chapters before class!
- Pass the final exam!
- Since this is an obligatory PS, please attend only if you need the *Schein*!

## **3 Attendance Policy**

- You are expected to attend regularly and to arrive on time.
- You are allowed only two misses. If you miss more than two classes altogether, you won't be admitted to the exam. So, come regularly and don't forget to sign the attendance list.
- If you miss a session, it is your responsibility to contact other participants to find out what we covered and what preparations are required for the next session.
- There will be regular homework assignments issued on the mailing list (see below) **after** each session (because I don't know in advance how far we get). You must hand in every assignment. Email to my personal address is highly preferred; any paperwork must be handed in at the *Geschäftszimmer* of the ZIS with a deadline of Wednesday 16:00. **You cannot leave anything for me at the SEP library desk!**

## 4 Course Material and Mailing List

- The course book for this class is: Kaplan (1995:chap. 4-9).
- You can buy the reader at the *Digitales Druckzentrum* in the ZHG. The name of the reader is 'Reader Proseminar Traditional Syntax I', it will cost some EUR 6.
- If you buy a second-hand copy make sure you get the correct version of the reader.
- Additional Material – **including homework assignments** – will be distributed on the mailing list for this class: <http://zis.uni-goettingen.de/mailman/listinfo/schaefer-syntax>  
Please also use the list actively for inter-student communication! There is an archive for the list, so you can also access any messages via the web interface. There is no Stud.IP page for this class.

## 5 Syllabus

You are required to read the relevant chapters thoroughly **before** each session. I will randomly ask you about the text, so you're advised to really and actually read them! It's a good idea to read the chapters as a whole, not splitting them in halves (as we will have to do since we only have 90 minute sessions).

Date	Content/Chapter
Thu, 2006-04-18	Preliminaries + Parts of Speech I (p. 108-62)
Thu, 2006-04-25	Parts of Speech II
Thu, 2006-05-02	Nouns and Verbs: Subclasses and Features I (p. 163-206)
Thu, 2006-05-09	Nouns and Verbs: Subclasses and Features II
Thu, 2006-05-16	Nouns and Verbs: Subclasses and Features III
Thu, 2006-05-23	Phrase Structure I (p. 207-67)
Thu, 2006-05-30	Phrase Structure II
Thu, 2006-06-06	Phrase Structure III
Thu, 2006-06-13	Grammatical Relations and Semantic Rules I (p. 268-305)
Thu, 2006-06-20	Grammatical Relations and Semantic Rules II
Thu, 2006-06-27	Noncanonical Sentence Forms I (p. 306-55)
Thu, 2006-07-04	Noncanonical Sentence Forms II
Thu, 2006-07-11	Relative Clauses and Participles (p. 359-89)

+ **Final Test!**

## References

KAPLAN, JEFFREY P. 1995. *English Grammar: Principles and Facts*. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 2nd edition.