

# Ling 252a: Clause Chaining and Related Structures

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### Course goals

- Provide students with the opportunity to explore the basic syntactic structures of their language of choice; my hope is that this work will not only prepare students to write a seminar paper, but will build a foundation for their understanding of the language that they will use for years to come
- Acquaint students with the structural typology, terminology, notions, and analytical methods used in the study of clause combining
- Highlight current theoretical issues in clause combining, examine the nature of theoretical claims and what constitutes solid syntactic argumentation
- Lay the groundwork for the seminar paper, including discussions of data management

### Students will be expected to

- Complete assigned readings prior to class
- Participate in class discussions and activities
- Present a paper to the class on a *Students' Choice* day
- Complete frequent short assignments related to the structures of the language of study
- Contribute to the class bibliography
- Complete annotated bibliography of four articles

### Resources

- Course packet, with assigned readings, available at AS Notes, in the University Center
- The “lab shelf”: A shelf in the Linguistics Department lab devoted to this class. It contains:
  - Library books (checked out to me) that can be used as references throughout the two-quarters of this seminar. Please *fill out the check-out form* so we can keep track of who has these books
  - Articles in a file case, alphabetized by author. These can be read and/or photocopied for your own use. Please return them without markings or post-its (thanks). Feel free to add to this list
- The class drive on the server, which contains copies of all course handouts, shared class bibliography, and a folder for copies of your assignments as you complete them.

Week	Date	Topic	Reading	Due
.5	Thursday 9/27	Intro; word classes; verbs and argument structure	None	Nothing!
1	Tuesday 10/2	Basic clause types; grammatical relations; argumentation	None.	Basic facts about the language
	Thursday 10/4	Concepts and terminology of clause-combining	(Foley and Van Valin 1984; Lehmann 1988; Dixon ms (available in lab))	Word classes
2	Tuesday 10/9	Co-ranking versus chaining structures; adverbial clauses	Longacre 1985; Matthiesen and Thompson 1988; (Thompson and Longacre 1985)	Nominal and verbal inflectional morphology
	Thursday 10/11	Coordination	Excerpts from: Lord and Craig (2004), Bril (2004), Kibrik (2004)	Verbless, copular, and intransitive clauses
3	Tuesday 10/16	Coordination	<i>Students' choice</i>	Transitive and ditransitive clauses
	Thursday 10/18	Clause chaining	Watanabe 1994	NP structure and constituent ordering
4	Tuesday 10/23	Switch reference	Roberts, Mithun	Case recoverability
	???	Guest lecture: Toshio Ohori		Grammatical relations
5	Tuesday 10/30	<i>Class cancelled; reschedule during finals week</i>		
	Thursday 11/1	Clause-chaining; prosody; sentences	Excerpts from: Genetti and Slater	
6	Tuesday 11/6	Clause-chaining	<i>Students' choice</i>	
	Thursday 11/8	Converbs	Haspelmath 1995, König 1995 (Bickel, Ramat, Coupe, other)	Overview of clause combining
7	Tuesday 11/13	Converbs	Genetti 2005	
	Thursday 11/15	Converbs	<i>Students' choice</i>	Tense-aspect-modality
8	Tuesday 11/20	Data management; methodologies		
	Thursday 11/22	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>		
9	Tuesday 11/27	Serial verbs	Aikhenvald 2006; Ameka 2006	Negation
	Thursday 11/29	Serial verbs versus converbs	Bisang 1995; DeLancey 1991	Anaphora, control
10	Tuesday 12/4	Serial verbs	<i>Students' choice</i>	
	Thursday 12/6	Events	Pawley 1987; Givón 1991	Illocutionary Force
Finals	TBA make-up	Events	Bohnemeyer et al 2007	

