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**LE 411 L Introduction to Morphological & Syntactic Analysis Credit 4**

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**Course Outline:**

**Unit 1**

Basic concepts of morphology

What is morphology? What does structure of words mean? What are the salient properties of a word? What kind of words are possible? How to understand 'simple, compound and complex words'? What is the difference between words and word-parts? How should we distinguish Inflection and Derivation? Do word-parts have grammatical category and meaning too?

**Unit 2**

Types of Morphemes

Root, stem, base, affixes, portmanteau morpheme; Internal composition of morphemes; Formal and structural relationship of morphemes to each other.

**Unit 3**

Morphemes and allomorphs

Recognizing morphemes and allomorphs; Types of allomorphs and conditioning of allomorphy; Productivity of allomorphic alternations

**Unit 4**

The Classification of Languages:

Structural characteristics, morphological typology, Word-formation processes, Reduplication.

**Unit 5**

Morphological Productivity

Blocking; phonological, morphological, syntactic, semantic constraints, Measuring productivity and speakers' knowledge of productivity

**Unit 7**

Grammatical categories: Tense, aspect, mood, person, gender and case marking

**Unit 8**

Introduction to syntax and syntactic theories, Introduction to Generative Grammar

**Unit 10**

Rules and trees, Phrase structure rules, T/ Thematic role, X-bar theory and Case Theory

**Recommended Textbooks:**

Carnie, Andrew; *Syntax: a generative introduction*, Blackwell publishing, 2002.

Katamba; Francis, *Morphology*, New York: St. Martin's Press, 1993.

New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Nida, Eugene A. *Morphology: The Descriptive Analysis of Words*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Ann Arbor MI: University of Michigan Press, 1949.

Haegeman, Lilie M. V., *Introduction to government and binding theory*, Blackwell Publishing 1994