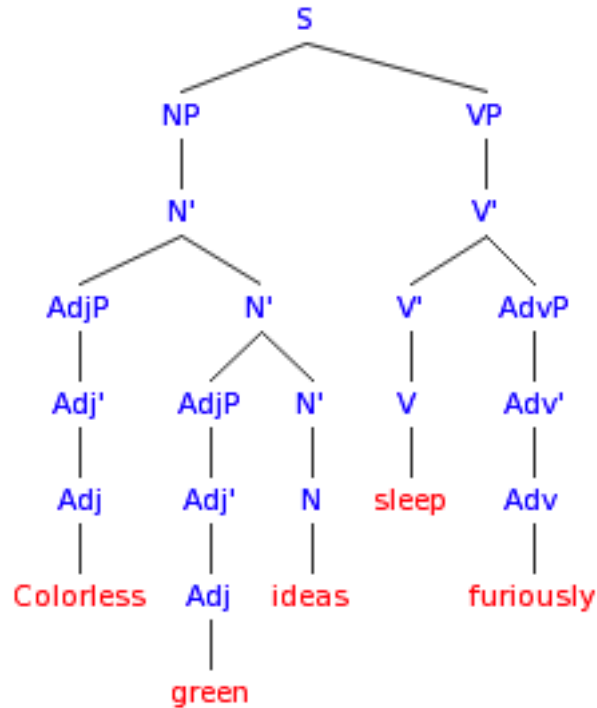


EN6/4443 English Syntax



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Instructor: Dr. Lyn Wright Fogle

Time: TR 3:30-4:45

This course is an introduction to English syntax designed for teachers who need to apply aspects of theoretical linguistics to language teaching. The course will be relevant to those interested in language structure as well as human cognition. We will become familiar with English grammar using a descriptive approach and will analyze phrase structure rules and other aspects of grammar (e.g., tense and aspect) through weekly exercises such as drawing syntax trees and problem sets. We will consider relationships between grammatical forms, meaning, and use and will thus take a contextualized approach to English grammar that situates grammatical (syntactic) competence in a larger realm of communicative or discourse competence. Students will be encouraged to bring observations about language structure and use from outside of the classroom to the class discussions. Graduate students will complete outside readings and conduct mini-studies on structural aspects of English grammar using empirical data. Completion of EN6/4403 Introduction to Linguistics is strongly recommended before taking this course.

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