UNIVERSIDAD DE
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1544 MORFOSINTAXIS DEL INGLÉS I

YEAR: 3
SEMESTER: 1
CREDITS (LECTURES/PRACTICE): 6 (2 lecture groups and 4 practical groups)
TYPE: Compulsory

GROUP A TIMETABLE:

Lectures:

Tuesday: 11.00-13.00 - Room 1.16
Thursday: 09.00-10.00 - Room 0.1

Practice sessions:

Wednesday: 09.00-10.00 (A2: FB-LZ) - Room 2.4
10.00-11.00 (A1: A-FA) - Room 1.11

GROUP B TIMETABLE:

Lectures:

Tuesday: 09.00-11.00 - Room 1.16bis
Thursday: 10.00-11.00 - Room 2.16bis

Practice sessions:

Wednesday: 11.00-12.00 (B2: R-ZZ) - Room 2.13
12.00-13.00 (B1: M-PZ) - Room 3.10

Students must attend the practical subgroup to which they have been assigned. Requests to change subgroup will be considered only in the case of international students, a duly documented timetable clash with compulsory practical classes from other years, or an agreement between two students to swap groups (*permuta*). In all cases, changes must be approved by the Year Coordinator (in this case, myself) and must remain in place throughout the semester and for all modules.

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Materials will be uploaded provisionally to the website until all students have access to the *Aula Virtual* once the enrolment period has ended for everyone. As a general rule, please use the *Aula Virtual* to submit queries.

OFFICE: Room 1.45, Facultad de Letras.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday: 13.00-14.30
Wednesday: 13.00-14.30

For face-to-face office hours or to arrange a Zoom appointment, please send a private message in advance through *Aula Virtual*. I take part in the online consultation programme; queries must therefore be submitted through *Aula Virtual* and will be answered within a maximum of 48 hours, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays and university vacation periods.

CONTENTS:

Block I. Morphology.

Unit 1. Review of basic morphological concepts.
Unit 2. Inflection.
Unit 3. Clitics.
Unit 4. Compounds, idioms and other multi-word constructions.
Unit 5. Patterns of lexical relatedness: Derivational morphology.

Block II. Syntax.

Unit 6. An introduction to syntax.
Unit 7. Structure.
Unit 8. Null constituents.
Unit 9. Head movement.
Unit 10. Wh-movement.

Each unit (with the exception of unit 3) will have, at least, one associated practical class.

ASSESSMENT:

Assessment will consist of:

a) Attendance and participation in morphology practical classes (10%).
b) Portfolio of syntactic analyses, to be completed in compulsory practical classes (20%).
c) Final examination (70%), consisting of short-answer questions and practical analyses. The examinations will take place on Monday 11 January 2027 at 18.00 (December-January examination period); Monday 24 May 2027 at 12.00 (May examination period); and Monday 28 June 2027 at 12.00 (June examination period). They will last two hours. The examination will assess theoretical knowledge (70%) and practical skills in morphosyntactic analysis (30%). Up to 10% of the examination mark may be deducted for inaccurate use of English, taking as the benchmark the C1 level expected of all third-year students on the BA in English Studies.

In accordance with the provisions of the new Statutes of the University of Murcia, students who obtain less than 15% of the marks allocated to continuous assessment (morphology practice and portfolios) may request a global theory-and-practice examination in the May and June examination periods (but not in the December-January period; for that period, they would need to have been global assessment under article 8.6 of the REVA). In all cases, regardless of the marks obtained through the continuous-assessment components, students are entitled to have those marks carried forward until the June 2027 examination period.

Students must pass the written examination (a mark of 5) before the marks awarded for practical work and the portfolio can be added to their examination mark. The examination dates are established at the beginning of the academic year. Under the system of examination slots used by the Facultad de Letras, examinations for modules from different years cannot possibly be scheduled at the same time. Students are nevertheless advised to check the dates and plan ahead. **Under no circumstances will the official examination date be changed unless the Dean's Office authorises an alternative examination sitting (*convocatoria de incidencias*).** Students are also reminded that, when enrolling in a module for the first time, they are entitled to sit the examination in only two examination periods. Therefore, **first-time students who sit the examination in January and May may not also sit it in June.** Receiving the examination question paper automatically means that the student will be recorded in the corresponding official transcripts as having sat the examination.

The proportion of the mark allocated to attendance and the portfolio can be obtained only by completing the activities on the scheduled dates. **Under no circumstances may marks be awarded for practical work or portfolios submitted after the sessions arranged for that purpose**. Students are responsible for keeping track of these dates, which will be announced in class and through *Aula Virtual* sufficiently in advance. The marks for practical work and portfolios will remain valid until the June 2027 examination period. **No marks will be carried forward to the following academic year**.

BASIC REFERENCES:

Aronoff, M. and Fudeman, Kirsten (2011) *What is Morphology?* (2nd Edition). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

Bauer, Laurie, Lieber, Rochelle and Plag, Ingo (2013) *The Oxford Reference Guide to English Morphology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Fábregas, A. and Scalise, S. (2012) *Morphology. From Data to Theories*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Quirk, R., S. Greenbaum, G. Leech & J. Svartvik (1990) *A Student's Grammar of the English Language*. Harlow, Essex: Longman.

Radford, A. (2009) *An Introduction to English Sentence Structure*. Cambridge: CUP.

Spencer, A. (2009) *Morphological Theory: An Introduction to Word Structure in Generative Grammar*. Oxford: Blackwell.