

**Course title: Systemic-Functional English Grammar (Optional subject, 4th year, BA in English Philology)**

**Department: English Philology**

**UJA credits: 6**

**ECTS credits: 4,8**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER**

**Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Alfonso Rizo Rodríguez**

**Teaching methods:**

Lectures:	2	Hours per Week	Homework:	5	Hours per Week
Exercises:	1	Hour per Week			
Seminars:	1	Hour per Week			

**Description of Content:**

This optional subject is aimed at presenting the student with the essentials of Systemic Functional Grammar, a theoretical model highly influential in the description of modern English, whose origins are to be traced to Mathesius' functionalism and Halliday's notion of linguistic system.

The syllabus below includes a selection of those theoretical concepts constituting the core of this paradigm as well as their application to the description of English. It consists of the following topics:

1. Introduction: what is a systemic-functional grammar?
2. Theoretical background and evolution. Origins. Scale and Category Linguistics. Further development of the theory.
3. Essentials of the theory. Language and context. Genre and register. Discourse semantics. Lexico-grammar.
4. Application: a systemic-functional description of English. Clause as representation: transitivity. Clause as exchange: mood. Clause as message: theme.

**Assessment Method:**

The evaluation of the students' theoretical knowledge and practical training will be based on two criteria:

- 30% of the total mark will correspond to their regular attendance at and active participation in classes (oral contributions, doing exercises, submitting assignments, reading appropriate bibliographical references, etc).
- 70% of the total mark will correspond to the quality of the final exam taken by the students at the end of the semester.

**Teaching language:**

English (for both Erasmus and Spanish students).

**Main references (literature) to be used in the course**

Bloor, T. & M. Bloor (2004). *The Functional Analysis of English. A Hallidayan Approach*. 2nd edition. London: Arnold.

Eggs, S. (2004). *An Introduction to Systemic Functional Linguistics*. 2nd edition. London: Continuum.

Halliday, M. (2004) *An Introduction to Functional Grammar*. Revised by C. Matthiessen. 3rd edition. London: Arnold.