LING 314 Syntax and Semantics of Modern Turkish

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Requirements and assessment:
(i) Three Assignments (%15)
(ii) Two midterm exams (25% each)
(iii) Final exam (35%)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:

- Passing grade is 55 for the course.
- You are encouraged to work with your peers for the assignments, but are asked to do the writing on your own.
- Late submissions for the assignments will not be accepted.
- The students who have not taken the mid-terms will not be able to take the final exam.
- Make sure your e-mail in the ÖBİKAS system is the one you check every day.

This course aims at investigating the syntactic and semantic properties of Modern Standard Turkish and will cover the following topics:

Week 1:	Introduction
	What is a clause? Verbal and non-verbal predicates
Week 2:	Phrase Structure
Week 3:	Argument Structure
	Case and theta roles
Week 4:	Predicate types – Argument Structure Changing operations
Week 5:	Referentiality, Incorporation, Null arguments
Week 6:	Composition of nouns
	DP structure
Week 7:	Possessives and Compounds
Week 8:	Clause types: existentials, complement clauses
Week 9:	*Spring Break*
Week 10:	Relative Clauses
Week 11:	Word order and information structure
Week 12:	Aspect
Week 13:	Modality
Week 14:	Negation

Reading List:

Dede, Müşerref. 1986. Definiteness and referentiality in Turkish verbal sentences. In Slobin and Zimmer (eds.), *Studies in Turkish Linguistics*, Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 196-208.

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