Course in General Linguistics (French: Cours de linguistique générale) is a book compiled by Charles Bally and Albert Sechehaye from notes on lectures given by Ferdinand de Saussure at the University of Geneva between 1906 and 1911. It was published in 1916, after Saussure's death, and is generally regarded as the starting point of structural linguistics, an approach to linguistics that flourished in Europe and the United States in the first half of the 20th century. According to Saussure, the geographic study of languages deals with external, not internal, linguistics. This section of the article references the Roy Harris translation of the book. Bibliography [edit]. Bouquet, Simon & Rudolf Engler, eds. biographical approach, the book reconstructs. the social lives of these enigmatic sculptures. through a detailed mapping of their. to raise, in the book’s concluding chapter, some. key questions about the “semantic flexibility” of. things (p. 226). Is there a limit to the polysemy. of objects? Can some objects resist endless. uniquely comprehensive study; the objects' movements throughout their social trajectories have been painstakingly charted and critically. Generally speaking, theoretical grammar deals with the language as a complex functional system. Lecture 2 BASIC NOTIONS OF MODERN LINGUISTICS. J. General principles of grammatical analysis. Linguistic units (or in other words “signs”) can go into three types. of relations: a) The relation between a unit and an object in the world around us (objective reality). A century can be characterized by a formal structural approach to the language study. Only inner (syntactic) relations between linguistic units served the basis for. The system of language is to be studied on the basis of the oppositions of its concrete units. The linguistic elements (units) can be found by means of segmenting the flow of speech and comparing the isolated elements.