

Syllabus

ENG622M---GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH

Second trimester, School year 2005-2006

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to English grammar. It covers major areas of English syntax. The overall goals are (a) to develop the skills necessary to analyze the structure of English sentences, and (b) to build up a sufficient knowledge base to promote understanding of future advancements in English syntax.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

TIMELY completion of homework assignments	30%
Mid-term examination (October 22)	35%
Final examination (December 17)	35%

GRADING POLICY: An 'A' really means 'excellent'—90% or better for the overall course.

- Make-up exams will be given and deadlines extended **ONLY** in documented cases of illness or crisis.
- The course grade is based entirely on how well the above requirements are fulfilled; no second chances or alternative work can be given.
- Students are responsible for material and information covered in classes that they miss.

REQUIRED READING:

Huddleston, Rodney. 1984. *Introduction to the grammar of English*. Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics. Cambridge, New York, and Melbourne: Cambridge University Press.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topic/Activity
Week 1	September 17	Orientation
Week 2	September 24	Syntactic Categories (Ch. 3)
Week 3	October 1	Thematic Roles and Grammatical Relations (2.2)
Week 4	October 8	Nouns and Noun Phrases--I (6.1-6.8)
Week 5	October 15	Noun and Noun Phrases--II (6.9-6.13); Pronouns (Ch. 7); Mid-term Review
Week 6	October 22	Mid-term Exam
Week 7	October 29	Complements vs. Adjuncts (pp. 177-190; 5.7)
Week 8	November 5	Independent Study—10th Anniversary of the Ph.D. Program in Applied Linguistics
Week 9	November 12	Valency vs. Transitivity; Split Intransitivity (pp. 190-194; 5.3-5.4)
Week 10	November 19	Prepositional Verbs vs. Phrasal Verbs (5.5); Control Verbs vs. Raising Verbs (5.6)
Week 11	November 26	Thematic systems of the clause—I (14.1-14.3)
Week 12	December 3	Thematic systems of the clause—II (14.4-14.7) Final review
Week 13	December 10	Independent Study
Week 14	December 17	Final Exam