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ENG 2901-002: Structure of English

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ENGLISH 2901--002, Fall 2018
Structure of English
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Purpose and Objectives of the Course

In this class students will analyze the rules that govern the English grammatical system. They will develop a deeper understanding of the systematic nature of language. There will be several tests throughout the semester, a final exam, and a project that incorporates both oral and written components.

Catalog Description of the Course

An introduction to the English language: its phonology and word forms, the parts of speech and their functions, basic sentence structures and their representation, stylistic patterns, standard and nonstandard dialects, viewed according to traditional and modern grammars.

Books and Materials

An Introduction to the Grammar of English by Elly van Gelderen

The 5-Minute Linguist by Rickerson/Hilton

A notebook

Requirements/Points based on a 1000 pt. scale	Grade scale	
Quiz 1	25	A 900 and above
Quiz 2	25	B 800 to 899
Quiz 3	25	C 700 to 799
Quiz 4	25	D 600 to 699
Exam 1	100	Below 600 failure of course
Exam 2	100	
Exam 3	100	
Exam 4	100	
Final Exam	150	
Presentation	150	
Participation/Homework	100	
Attendance	100	

Participation/Attendance

The course covers a lot of new material at a fairly quick pace. Regular attendance and good note-taking skills significantly increase your chances of an acceptable grade. I do allow for excused absences if they are properly documented. These include approved university activities and documented illness. Every unexcused absence will lower your attendance grade by 20 points. **You CANNOT make up quizzes. You CAN make up tests only with excused absence documentation the day of your return.**

University Policies

(1) Academic integrity - Students are expected to maintain principles of academic integrity and conduct as defined in EIU's Code of Conduct ()
Violations will be reported to the Office of Student Standards.

(2) Students with disabilities - If you are a student with a documented disability in need of accommodations to fully participate in this class, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS). All accommodations must be approved through OSDS. Please stop by Ninth Street Hall, Room 2006, or call 217-581-6583.

(3) The Student Success Center - Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center () for assistance with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217-581-6696, or go to 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

CLASS SCHEDULE

#1	T	08/21	Introductions
	TH	08/23	Discussion of Chapter 1 in the grammar book Discussion of Chapters 13, 14, and 19 in 5-Minute Linguist
#2	T	08/28	Discussion of Chapter 1 in the grammar book Discussion of Chapters 4, 8, and 10 in 5-Minute Linguist
	TH	08/30	Discussion of Chapter 2 in the grammar book
#3	T	09/04	Quiz on parts of speech Discussion of Chapter 3 in the grammar book
	TH	09/06	Continue discussion of Chapter 3
#4	T	09/11	Review of Chapters 1, 2, and 3
	TH	09/13	Test on Chapters 1, 2, and 3 Begin discussion of Chapter 4
#5	T	09/18	Discussion of Chapter 4
	TH	09/20	Discussion of Chapter 5
#6	T	09/25	Quiz on sentence functions
	TH	09/27	Continue discussing Chapter 5
#7	T	10/02	Discussion on Chapter 6
	TH	10/04	Review of Chapters 4, 5, and 6
#8	T	10/09	Test on Chapters 4, 5, and 6 Begin discussion of Chapter 7
	TH	10/11	Discussion of Chapter 7

#9	T	10/16	Discussion of Chapter 8 Quiz on clauses
	TH	10/18	Discussion of Chapter 9
#10	T	10/23	Review of Chapters 7, 8, and 9
	TH	10/25	Test on Chapters 7, 8, and 9 Begin special grammatical topics (handouts—not in book)
#11	T	10/30	Special grammatical topics
	TH	11/01	Quiz on special grammatical topics
#12	T	11/06	Grammatical topics
	TH	11/08	Review of special grammatical topics
#13	T	11/13	Test on special grammatical topics
	TH	11/15	Presentations

THANKSGIVING BREAK WEEK

#14	T	11/27	Presentations
	TH	11/29	Presentations
#15	T	12/04	Presentations
	TH	12/06	Presentations Review for Final Exam

FINAL EXAM Monday, December 10th, 10:15 to 12:15, in our regular classroom

NOTE: I may make minor changes to this syllabus in order to suit the needs of the class. Changes will always be announced in advance.