

Fall 2018

Modern English Grammar

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Class Meeting Times: M 5-7:45

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Text: Analyzing English Grammar. seventh edition. Klammar and Schulz.

Objectives: Modern English Grammar is designed for Writing majors, Professional Communications students, teaching credential candidates, Literature majors, and other advanced students who seek a thorough understanding of the complexities of English grammar. This course incorporates current approaches to grammar, including traditional, structural and transformational generative. Especially, this course focuses on how language is shaped for professional and personal communication. Rather than relying upon rote memory and expounding complex linguistic theories, we will approach grammar practically. Students will demonstrate mastery of class material through a variety of assignments and quizzes. When working exercises, we will explore how we arrive at certain responses; we will debate controversial problems and will consider current usage. Thus the primary goal of this class is for students to learn to think critically and analytically about English grammar, especially its usage in professional environments.

Attendance and participation: To succeed in this class, daily participation is essential. Students who miss more than three classes may lose one letter grade for each additional absence. This includes both excused and unexcused absences. Class will move quickly over key concepts. Excessive absences can lead to failure in the course. Even if you must be absent, you will be responsible for turning in assignments. I will not "re-teach" materials to students who miss class. No makeup quizzes will be given, although I will drop the lowest quiz grade at the end of the semester.

D2L: This class is web-enhanced. Class meets only once per week; thus, we will move quickly over material. To ensure that we cover material sufficiently and to ensure that you have time to retain important information, we will utilize D2L through the week. Expect regular mid-week assignments.

Conduct: Computers and cell phones are not to be used in this class without my express permission.

Honor Code: Violations of the GSU Academic Integrity Policy (including cheating and plagiarism) are taken very seriously. Any violation of this policy will become part of the student's permanent educational record. More information on the Academic Integrity policy and procedure can be found at www.armstrong.edu/studentintegrity.

Disability Statement: Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, GSU provides appropriate, reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. Documentation and services are available at the Office of Disability Services.

No make-up quizzes are given.

Grading:

For Undergraduate

Quizzes (10% each): 50% (Six quizzes; lowest quiz grade is dropped. Students who earn 90 or above on six quizzes and the midterm may exempt the final.)

Final: 30%

Homework assignments: 20%

For Graduate

Quizzes (10% each; lowest grade is dropped): 50% (Students who earn 90 or above on six tests and the midterm may exempt the final.)

Final: 30%

Homework assignments: 10%

Research project: 10% (Topic: Language and Leadership)

Tentative Daily Schedule:

Monday, August 13

Introduction / Chapter 1, 2, and 3

Monday, August 20

Chapter 1, 2, and 3 / QUIZ 1

Monday, August 27

Chapter 4

Monday, September 3

Holiday

Monday, September 10

Chapter 4 / Quiz 2 / Chapter Five

Monday, September 17

Chapter 5

Monday, September 24

Chapter 6

Monday, October 1

Quiz 3 / Chapter 7

Monday, October 8

Chapter 7

Monday, October 15

Chapter 8

Monday, October 22

Chapter 8/ QUIZ 4 ASSIGNED (take-home quiz)

Monday, October 29

Chapter 9

Monday, November 5

Chapter 10 / QUIZ 5 ASSIGNED (take-home quiz) / Graduate Students Topic Proposals Due

Monday, November 12

Chapter 11

Monday, November 19

HOLIDAY

Monday, November 26

Chapter 12 / QUIZ 6 ASSIGNED (take-home quiz) / Graduate Projects Due

Final: Monday, December 3