

.LIN 3680 Modern English Structure

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Course Description: This course is based on the concept of pedagogical grammar in which we will explore English grammar in terms of form, meaning, and use, or how we use grammar to achieve certain goals within specific sociocultural contexts. This course enables students to develop a knowledge base about grammar, an ability to reason through grammatical constructions, and, thus, to explain grammatical constructions/meanings so that learners can understand and use grammar for their own purposes. You will not learn everything there is to know about grammar, but you will learn **how to explain** some grammatical concepts and **how to find and use** resources to help you explain what you don't know. This is BOTH a **grammar class** and a class to learn how to **teach grammar**. This course also focuses on creating instructional materials, so a strong desire to teach is beneficial.

Course Objectives: Throughout the semester, students will engage in a range of theoretical, pedagogical, and reflective activities that will enable them to:

- 1) Understand their own beliefs and knowledge about grammar and grammar teaching and become aware of the impact of such knowledge and beliefs on their classroom practices.
- 2) Describe and represent grammar at three different levels: morphology; syntax; and discourse.
- 3) Develop and use metalanguage to describe their knowledge and reasoning about grammar.
- 4) Understand grammar from an instructional perspective and develop contextualized instructional activities.
- 5) Become sensitive to the complex social, cultural, political, and institutional factors that affect understandings, conceptions of, and responses to grammar.
- 6) Develop an understanding of “spoken grammar” and craft beneficial instructional materials.

Required Textbooks:

The Teacher's Grammar of English: A Course Book and Reference Guide, Cowan, R. (2008). Cambridge University Press. AND **Additional Readings** are online under Files.

Course Requirements: You are expected to read all assigned readings and to participate in class activities in a thoughtful and respectful manner. All written assignments should be handed in on time. **Late assignments will not be accepted.** Please do not have a tardiness problem. It interferes with everyone's learning processes. NO texting or wearing ear buds during class. It's disrespectful. Computers are allowed for learning purposes. You will be able to tally your points so you can keep track of your grade.

1) Homework: Grammar Exercises (35 pts)

Throughout the semester, you will do 4 grammar-based homeworks. These exercises are intended to enhance your understanding and ability to explain grammar in order to help your students be able to use the structures of English. The first one will be worth 5 pts, and the other three will be worth 10.

2) Tests (30 pts)

There will be two tests. Each will be worth 15 points. The first will focus on tense/aspect. The second will depend on what we have covered at that point.

3) Explaining Grammar Assignment (15pts)

This assignment is designed to provide you with an opportunity to explain a grammar point. The assignment involves several steps: You will a) create a poster to explain a specific grammar point; b) explain your grammar to your classmates in small groups (and receive feedback from your classmates) in a poster session; and c) write a final reflection paper due within 48 hours of presentation.

4) Grammar Unit (20%)

You will develop a highly contextualized, discourse-based curriculum unit in which you design five hours of cohesive instruction based on a specific grammar focus.

Grading:

A 100-95	C+77.9-75
A- 94.9-91	C 74.9-70
B+ 90.9-87	C- 69.9-66
B 86.9-82	D 65.9-60
B- 81.9-78	E 59.9-0

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<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html> .

ATTENDANCE POLICY: I take attendance every class, but I do not have an attendance policy. Because classroom activity drives this course (as opposed to lecture or information you can gather from books), being in class is essential to your educational experience. If you miss class, you miss out on your educational experience, on learning opportunities. If you miss class often, you are making your own bed. Connected to this, if you do not attend class regularly or do not participate in class activities, please do not ask me for a recommendation.

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<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/students.html#honesty>

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<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/current.php> (001 Building 0020 (Reid Hall); 392-8565)

Tentative Schedule for LIN 3680 **Changes may occur for instructional reasons**

Week One

January 7 Introduction to class and review of syllabus

Readings for Monday: <http://tesl-ej.org/ej42/a3.html> or online under Files Folio.sample.howard (online under Files)

Readings for Wednesday: Chapter 3, The Presents (online)

Chapter 7 of The Grammar Book, Celce-Murcia and Larsen-Freeman (online), especially 109-114 simple present; 116-117 present perfect, present progressive; 118 present perfect progressive; 124 simple present versus present progressive; 124 present perfect versus present perfect progressive; 124-125 present perfect versus simple past

Also, check out this website! <http://www.elihinkel.org/tips/tenses.htm>

Week Two

January 12 Present Tense

January 14 Present Tense

Readings for Monday: NONE

Readings for Wednesday: Chapter 16, The Teacher's Grammar of English (TTGE) Our textbook

Week Three

January 19 NO CLASS MLK Day

January 21 **Homework 1 Due – BRING HARDCOPY to CLASS**

Readings for Monday: Chapter 7, The Grammar Book (online), especially sections on past tense;

Optional reading: Chapter 4, The Past

Week Four

January 26 The Past Tense

January 28 Past Tense

Homework 2 due

Week Five

February 2 Tense /Aspect wrap up

February 4 **Test 1 on Present and Past Tense/Aspect**

Reading for Monday: Chapter 8, Prepositions; look at this website: <http://www.elihinkel.org/tips/prepositions.htm>

Reading for Wednesday: Lindstromberg on Sakai
Metaphorical Meaning of Prepositions

Week Six

February 9 Prepositions

February 11 Prepositions

Reading for Monday: Materials on *lesson planning* on Sakai

Week Seven

February 16 Prepositions

February 18 **Homework # 3 Due**

Prepositions

Lesson Planning

Reading for Thursday: Chapter 14, Modals

Look at website for songs and modals: <http://sitzmanabc.com/perfect-modals/>;

Modals of obligation task:

Modals of deduction, mind map representation: <http://www.engames.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Modal-verbs-of-deduction-mind-map.png>

Week Eight

February 23 Modals

Explain Explaining Grammar Assignment

February 25 Modals

Week Nine

March 2-4 NO CLASSES Spring Break

Week Ten

March 9 Modals

March 11 Modals

Homework #4 Due

Week Eleven

March 16 **Explaining Grammar Poster Session**

March 18 **Explaining Grammar Poster Session**

Readings for Wednesday: Chapters 10, Determiners and Chapter 11, Articles

Week Twelve

March 23 **Test 2**

March 25 Determiners

Reading for Monday and Wednesday: TBA

Week Thirteen

March 30 Determiners/Articles

April 1 Articles

Week Fourteen

April 6 Articles

Homework #4Due

April 8 Make up day

Readings for Monday: Chapter 22 Focus Structures

Week Fifteen

April 13 Focus Structures

April 15 Focus Structures

Week Sixteen

April 20 Grammar Unit Workshop

Topic for Grammar Unit due

April 22 LAST DAY OF CLASS- Course wrap up

Grammar Unit Due April 27th