

ANG 1052: English Grammar 1

Winter Term, 2012

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Course Description and Objectives:

This course is intended to help students master the use of English grammar and apply it correctly in different writing contexts and for different purposes (academic, creative, and professional). It deals with the major grammatical points necessary to help students express themselves accurately in English and avoid making grammatical mistakes in both their written and spoken uses of language. We will deal with various topics in English grammar, especially those of particular concern to students whose first language is not English. We will cover such grammatical topics as simple and progressive forms, passive and active voices, gerunds and infinitives, adverb clauses and adjectives clauses.

Textbook:

Azar, Betty Schramper. *Understanding and Using English Grammar*. 4th Edition. Longman, 2009.

Course Requirements:

Quizzes 20%
Mid-term exam 25%
Final exam 40%
Participation and Homework (15%)

Schedule:

January 5: Introduction + Chapter 1&2: Overview of Verb Tenses, Present and Past, Simple and Progressive

January 12: Chapter 3 &4: Perfect and Perfect Progressive Tenses, Future Time

January 19: Chapter 7: Nouns

January 26: Quiz 1 (10%) + Chapter 8: Pronouns

February 2: Chapter 9&10: Modals

February 9: Chapter 11: The Passive

February 16: Chapter 12: Noun Clauses

February 23: Mid-Term Exam (25%)

March 1: Chapter 13: Adjective Clauses

March 8: Reading Week (No Class)

March 15: Chapter 14&15: Gerunds and Infinitives

March 22: Quiz 2 (10%) + Chapter 17: Adverb Clauses

March 29: Chapter 19: Connectives of Cause and Effect, Contrast, and Condition

April 5: Chapter 20: Conditional Sentences and Wishes

April 12: FINAL EXAM (40%)

N.B.: This schedule is subject to change.

Communication:

Email questions and comments about class content and mechanics are welcome. I reply within three to four workdays. Please do not expect an immediate reply, a reply on the weekends, and during holidays. You might also ask for individual appointments to discuss specific issues related to the class. Appointment requests can be emailed to me, or discussed at the end of class sessions.

Conduct and Class Atmosphere:

For a more enjoyable and fruitful learning experience, each one of us is responsible on providing a favorable atmosphere to the rest of the group. Using cellphones during class sessions distracts you and your neighbors alike. Class participation is a productive learning technique and a group exchange dynamic. You are an active and responsible member of a learning community!

Plagiarism:

Academic honesty and integrity are very important. For the sake of fairness and respect for our shared academic values, plagiarism will be not be tolerated. For more information about plagiarism and university regulations with this regard, please check the following link: <http://www.integrite.umontreal.ca>