

English Grammar

Course Information

- Semester and Year: Fall 2025
- Course ID and Section number: ESL-224-E0777
- Instructor's name: Brian Lancaster
- Day and time of required meetings: MW 4pm-5:20pm
- Location: Downtown Campus, Room 101
- Course units: Non-credit

Instructor Contact Information

- Canvas URL: redwoods.instructure.com/courses/21199
- Office hours: N/A
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Required Materials:

- None

Catalog Description

A course for intermediate to advanced ESL students that provides an overview of English grammar. Students will examine sentence structure, verb tenses, punctuation, modifiers, and connectors within varying and relevant contexts. Students will be introduced to common patterns of English usage that go beyond the most basic patterns, and will use these patterns effectively in their speech and writing. Students will apply grammar concepts to real-world situations.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- Modify subject and verb phrases within a meaningful context to accurately to produce grammatically correct sentences in a variety of tenses and aspects.
- Use correct punctuation in simple and compound sentences to communicate effectively in writing.
- Connect words, phrases, and clauses appropriately within a meaningful context to express subordination, coordination, and correlation.

Course Calendar

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Evaluation and Grading Policy

N/A

Educational Accessibility and Support

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- Common ailments such as arthritis, asthma, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, and diseases
- Temporary impairments such as a broken bone, recovery from significant surgery, or a pregnancy-related disability
- Neurodevelopmental disorders such as a learning disability, intellectual disability, autism, acquired brain injury, or ADHD
- Vision, hearing, or mobility conditions

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SASS office locations and phone numbers

Eureka campus

- Phone: 707-476-4280
- Location: Learning Resource Center (Library)

Del Norte campus

- Phone: 707-465-2353
- Location: main building, near the Library

Klamath-Trinity campus

- Phone: 707-476-4280

Course Schedule

Week 1 (8-25): Intro

Week 2 (9-1): Similar verbs with subtly different meanings

Week 3 (9-8): Gerunds and infinitives after verbs (changing meanings)

Week 4 (9-15): Prepositions (changing meanings)

Week 5 (9-22): Articles (changing meanings)

Week 6 (9-29): Past perfect (By the time...), Future perfect (By 2050...)

Week 7 (10-6): Connecting clauses (dependent and independent), commas

Week 8 (10-13): Conditionals (real and unreal), hypothetical situations

Week 9 (10-20): Order of adjectives, adverbs

Week 10 (10-27): Comparatives and superlatives

Week 11 (11-3): Vocabulary (changing parts of speech)

Week 12 (11-10): Pronoun agreement

Week 13 (11-17): Advanced punctuation (semi-colon, em-dash, apostrophe, etc.).

Week 14 (11-24): No class!

Week 15 (12-1): Review

Week 15 (12-8): Review

Week 15 (12-15): Final Exam