



UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK IN TIRANA

Course: Remedial Grammar (**non-credit course**)

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Description

This course examines students' difficulties with certain areas of English grammar while providing exercises and solutions for the betterment of their writing.

Prerequisite

WAP (You must have taken WAP before or be in a WAP class for this semester)

Course Purpose

This course is intended for students of WAP, Composition I and II, who are experiencing difficulty with one or more areas of English grammar. Even after having gone through English classes over a prolonged period of time, students may still trip up on various basic or advanced aspects of grammar. Some students, for instance, battle with articles, verb tenses, conditional sentences and so on. Others may not know yet how to apply complex English phenomena, such as subject-verb inversions in positive and negative sentences, to writing of their own. This class will assist students in identifying grammar items they have a recurring problem with and then tackle those issues with the aim of eliminating their errors completely.

Required Texts

Eastwood, John (2006). *Oxford Practice Grammar*. Oxford: OUP.

Murphy, Raymond (1994). *English Grammar in Use*. Cambridge: CUP.

Philips, Deborah. (2003). *Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL Test*. New York: Pearson Education, Inc.

Required Additional Materials

For study and practice purposes, students may be provided with other photocopiable materials. They must bring to class grammar books that they purchased while they were in ESL courses.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. identify their personal errors in English grammar and usage
2. properly correct their English sentences when editing their own writing
3. master the more advanced and complex aspects of syntax
4. form a useful body of knowledge of various grammatical patterns and their application in real writing and speaking
5. be familiar with key grammatical terms
6. be able to write combined and complex sentences properly

Content of the Course

Variable, based upon students' identified needs in grammar. The following areas of English grammar will be touched upon and clarified further:

- Articles
- Verb tenses (past, present, future)
- Clauses (dependent, independent, and reduced clauses, clause structures, compound and complex sentences)
- Subject-verb agreement
- Appositives
- Objects of prepositions
- Inverted subjects and verbs
- Parallel structure
- Forms of the verb (present participle, past participle, base form)
- Active and passive verbs
- Pronoun reference
- Usage and position of adjectives and adverbs
- Prepositions

Note: Your WAP or Composition instructor will help you spot the areas of grammar you have trouble with. He then will recommend you to show up in Remedial Grammar class.

Course Requirements

Participation: Class work is important for this course. Expect to come here in order for your grammar errors to surface and to be confronted. Multiple exercises will be given which you must do fully.

Homework: In order for you to successfully face your grammar problems and set them straight, additional work may be assigned for you to take home. These exercises will then be checked in class on the following session.

General Requirements

You are not required a weekly attendance for this class. Therefore absences will not be counted. But you must show up regularly so long as grammar errors have been identified and exercises have been assigned to you by the lecturer.

Criteria for Determination of Grade

Not applicable

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