Introduction to Modern English grammar. We will examine the meaningful structures of English morphology and syntax. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to produce explicit and replicable descriptions of the grammar of English texts.


Students are expected to have read material before class, practiced exercises, and noted any problems.

We meet in three hour sessions (which is pretty intense for a grammar class!). So, on a weekly basis we will spend the first hour and a half going over new material. Then we will take a ten minute break. We will reconvene for questions, taking up past assignments, and reviewing material as necessary.

Our text provides a nice breakdown for the semester. We will work through it sequentially, sometimes covering two chapters in a week. You will be reminded each week about the reading. However, the rule of thumb is to read on...

We will have many short assignments (approx. 9). These will be due in the class following the week they are assigned. Each assignment is equally weighted. Averaged together they count for 35% of your final mark.

The midterm will cover all material up to and including February 15. It is worth 25%. It will be 2 hours long.

The final exam will be held during the exam schedule. It covers the complete course and is worth 40%.