



Structure of the English Language

ENG 501, 01W 41013

COURSE SYLLABUS: Summer 2022

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Zoom: <https://tamuc.zoom.us/j/6458619518>

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Required: S. Attardo. English Grammar Foundations. Available as pdf in the LMS.

Software Required: Internet access and browser

Optional Texts and/or Materials: other materials will be provided in the course shell.

Course Description

University catalog description: Structure of the English Language. Three semester hours. A thorough analysis of the grammatical structure of English employing contemporary as well as more traditional methodologies. Emphasis varies among phonology, morphology, syntax, text/discourse analysis and historical developments in the language. Prerequisites: there are none.

This course introduces the major syntactic structures of English and the ways to analyze them. Topics include categories, phrases, functions, types of verbs, clauses, and finiteness. The course stresses that it is more important to be able to argue

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something than just memorize rules. Some general linguistic issues, such as prescriptivism and descriptivism, varieties of English are discussed as well. This class is fully online. **The class requires weekly work and assignments.**

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to describe the morphological and syntactic nature of English grammar in specific contexts.
2. Students will be able to develop skills in grammatical analysis, such as identifying parts of speech, analyzing sentences, and identifying and correcting errors.
3. Students will be able to demonstrate understanding in cultural issues related to English grammar.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Using the learning management system, using writing software and using presentation programs.

Instructional Methods

This is an online, asynchronous course. All the materials are available online. Live sessions are posted online the same day they are held on Zoom.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

Weekly assignments are required. Attendance to the weekly live class meeting is NOT required, but *watching the video is required.*

Reading the materials (as per the syllabus) is required PRIOR to the class meeting.

Posting in the Q&A is required between Monday and Thursday of each week. The Q&A score includes class participation. Full engagement in the discussion is required to score 2 points. Instructions on the Q&A are provided in the LMS.

Comprehension review (CR) quizzes are weekly and are required. Instructions on the CRs are provided in the LMS. The CRs open on Friday and close on Saturday.

If you score at the end of week 9 is > 90 you will not have to take the final exam and you will earn a grade of A for the class.

Instructions on the class project and extra credit are available in the LMS.

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GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

The course uses a point system: 1 point = 1%.

Assessments

| | points per assignments | Points |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Quizzes (CRs) | 7x9 | 63 |
| Project | 6x1 | 6 |
| Q&A+introduction | 2 x 9 + 3 | 21 |
| Final | 10x1 | 10 |
| Total | | 100 |
| Extra credit | 5x1 | 0-5 |

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

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ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

I will respond within 24 hours to emails. I am available daily for conferences (office hours) at a mutually convenient time. Please email me to set up an appointment. I can communicate via phone, Skype, or Zoom (preferred). If you email me Saturday I may not respond until Monday morning.

I interact with more than 150 students every year. I do not remember which class you are in. **Please put in the body of your email which course you are asking about.** If you email me from the LMS it does so automatically.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Late Work, Missed Exams and Quizzes are only acceptable by prior arrangement. Extra Credit is not available due to this being a summer term.

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Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance on the LMS.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

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Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Waters Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

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Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url: [http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/
rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf](http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf)

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

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COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

ENG 501 Summer 2022 schedule

| | Week | Live session | Q&A/CR | | Topic |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | June 6 — 11 | June 7 | 1 | Introductions due June 7 | Linguistic preliminaries |
| 2 | June 13 — 18 | June 14 | 2 | | Overview of the system |
| 3 | June 20 — 25 | June 21 | 3 | | The verb |
| 4 | June 27 — July 2 | June 28 | 4 | | Nouns and modifiers |
| 5 | July 4 — 9 | July 5 | 5 | | Minor parts of speech |
| 6 | July 11 — 16 | July 12 | 6 | | Sentences and phrasal constituents |
| 7 | July 18 — 23 | July 19 | 7 | | Complex constructions |
| 8 | July 25 — 30 | July 28 | 8 | | Marked constructions |
| 9 | Aug 1 — 6 | Aug 2 | 9 | Project due Aug 6 | History of grammar |
| 10 | Aug 8 — 11 | Aug 9 | | Final exam Aug 11 | |
| | | Live sessions @ 5:00 pm CST | Q&A due Thursday CRs due Saturday | | |
| | Q&A open at 00.01 am on Mondays and close at 11:30 pm on Thursdays | | | | |
| | CR quizzes open at 00.01 am on Friday and close at 11:30 pm on Saturdays | | | | |
| | The final exam opens at 00.01 am on August 11 and closes at 11:30 pm. | | | | |
| | The live sessions are held on Tuesday at 5:00 pm CST, on Zoom: Meeting ID: 645 861 9518. Attending the live session is optional but watching the video during the week is required. | | | | |

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