

Subject:	<b>LLENGUA ANGLESA: GRAMÀTICA DESCRIPTIVA I</b>	
Code:	28469	
Credits:	7,5	
Semester:	1 <sup>st</sup>	
Groups:	1	2
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### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT**

This course aims at studying English morphology (derivation and inflection), and at carrying out a detailed study of the structure of basic clauses in English. More precisely, the main objectives are the following: (i) to study inflection and derivation; (ii) to analyze the main categories and their distributional and morphological properties (inflectional and derivational); (iii) to study their combination and identify the constituents; (iv) to describe the internal structure of the different phrases, the Noun Phrase, the Verb Phrase, the Adjective Phrase, the Adverb Phrase and the Prepositional Phrase and their main properties; (v) to analyze the structure of simple clauses in English; (vi) to identify lexical and syntactic ambiguity and (vii) to study the function of syntactic elements in the clause - subject and predicate.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Students should be able to (i) carry out morphological analyses and distinguish between inflection and derivation; (ii) identify the basic categories and phrases of English simple clauses, (iii) distinguish the notions of form and function of elements at different levels and (iv) identify and analyse ambiguous sentences.

### **ASSESSMENT**

The course will be evaluated as follows:

- Final exam (75%).

The students will be asked to provide answers to different kinds of questions which involve defining grammatical notions, explain given structures and solve practical exercises.

- Homework assignments (10%).

There will be weekly assignments some of which will be handed in and others corrected in class.

- Work done in the “tutoria integrada” (15%).

**Note: the level of English will be taken into account when correcting exams and in the final assessment.**

## TUTORIALS

The “tutoria integrada” will be done virtually, using the *Campus Virtual*. Tutorials will be devoted to practical exercises and to discussions of readings.

## SYLLABUS

1. Introduction
2. Morphology
3. Word classes
4. Constituents and phrases
5. The simple clause

## BIBLIOGRAPHY / MATERIALS

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**Study material specifically designed for this subject will be provided to students throughout the course by means of the Campus Virtual.**