

# **English Descriptive Grammar**

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Code: 103410 ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Туре	Year	Semester
2500245 English Studies	FB	1	1
2501902 English and Catalan	FB	1	1
2501907 English and Classics	FB	1	1
2501910 English and Spanish	FB	1	1
2501913 English and French	FB	1	1

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# Use of languages

Principal working language: english (eng)

Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

#### **Teachers**

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### **Prerequisites**

A level of English between B2 (upper-intermediate) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment is required. With B2 the student can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation.; interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party, and produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

## **Objectives and Contextualisation**

This subject offers an introduction to the main structures of English grammar and provides the student with essential concepts and terminology to be able to describe it scientifically. After the first unit where basic notions are introduced, the course considers how to classify words into categories and how to identify groups of words that form constituents. Then simple, compound and complex sentences are described. A brief unit is devoted to sentence types (such as interrogatives).

At the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- Identify the category of words

- Identify constituents in sentences using consituency tests
- Identify phrases of different types
- Distinguish between simple, complex and compound sentences
- Identify the type of subordination in complex sentences

### Content

Unit 1: Basic notions in grammatical analysis

Unit 2: Word classes

Unit 3: Predicates and arguments

Unit 4: Constituents and phrases

Unit 5: Sentence types

Unit 6: The simple sentence

Unit 7: Coordination

Unit 8: Subordination