

English Grammar

Code: 100225
 ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500245 English Studies	OB	2	1
2501902 English and Catalan	OT	3	0
2501902 English and Catalan	OT	4	0
2501907 English and Classics	OT	3	0
2501907 English and Classics	OT	4	0
2501910 English and Spanish	OT	3	0
2501910 English and Spanish	OT	4	0
2501913 English and French	OT	3	0
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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

The knowledge learnt in the first-year subjects English descriptive grammar and Introduction to Linguistics are taken for granted, and will not be explained again.

The course requires an initial level of English C1 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment). Students with C1 can understand a wide range of demanding, long texts, and recognise implicit meaning; they can express themselves fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions; they can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes; they can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This course introduces students to some of the components of (the English) language: morphology, semantics, pragmatics and lexicology.

After taking the course, students will be able to:

- Define the following components of (the English) language: morphology, semantics, pragmatics and lexicology.
- Identify the basic units of analysis of these components.
- Analyse English according to these components.

Skills

English Studies

- Describe synchronously the main grammar units, constructions and phenomena of the English language.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and knowing how to communicate effectively both in your mother tongue and in other languages.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.
- Utilising new technologies in order to capture and organise information in English and other languages, and applying it to the personal continued training and to the problem-solving in the professional or research activity.
- Working in an autonomous and responsible way in a professional or research environment in English or other languages, in order to accomplish the previously set objectives.

English and Catalan

- Describe synchronously the main grammar units, constructions and phenomena of the English language.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and knowing how to communicate effectively both in your mother tongue and in other languages.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

English and Classics

- Describe synchronously the main grammar units, constructions and phenomena of the English language.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and knowing how to communicate effectively both in your mother tongue and in other languages.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

English and Spanish

- Describe synchronously the main grammar units, constructions and phenomena of the English language.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and knowing how to communicate effectively both in your mother tongue and in other languages.

- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

English and French

- Describe synchronously the main grammar units, constructions and phenomena of the English language.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and knowing how to communicate effectively both in your mother tongue and in other languages.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

Learning outcomes

1. Applying the acquired methodologies of work planning to work in an environment in the English language.
2. Applying the acquired scientific and work planning methodologies to the research in English.
3. Applying the information in English that is available on the Internet, in databases, etc. to the work and/or research environments.
4. Communicating in the studied language in oral and written form, properly using vocabulary and grammar.
5. Comprehending academic or professional texts in their own language or the another acquired in the degree.
6. Demonstrate a sound knowledge about the topics related to the study of linguistics.
7. Effectively communicating and applying the argumentative and textual processes to formal and scientific texts.
8. Identifying and explaining the characteristics and morphological, syntactic, semantic, and pragmatic processes of the English language.
9. Locating and organising relevant information in English that is available on the Internet, in databases, etc.
10. Students must be capable of comprehending advanced academic or professional texts in their own language or the another acquired in the degree.
11. Students must be capable of precisely arguing ideas and opinions in their own language or another acquired in the degree.

Content

UNIT 1. Introduction: The components of grammar (lexicon, phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics)

UNIT 2. Morphology: Processes that characterise the main paradigms of English. Formal properties and categorisation.

UNIT 3. Lexicology: The English lexicon. Processes that characterise it

UNIT 4. Semantics: Word and sentence meanings. Lexical and syntactic ambiguity

UNIT 5. Pragmatics: Language and grammar use in different contexts

In this subject, gender perspective will be taken into account in the following aspects:

- 1) Making students aware of the sexist uses of language, and provide non-sexist alternatives.

- 2) Not allowing a sexist use of language in the students' oral and written contributions.
- 3) Guaranteeing in the classroom an atmosphere respectful with the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and politics.
- 4) Avoiding sexual stereotypes in examples.
- 5) Including gender-related material in the following units: morphology and pragmatics.
- 6) Including texts about gender in the compulsory readings.
- 7) Writing, in the references, the full names of authors, instead of only the initial.

Methodology

The teaching methodology will be based on the following activities:

- Directed activities (30%, 1.8 cr)
- Supervised activities (15%, 0.9 cr)
- Autonomous activities (50%, 3 cr)
- Assessment activities (5%, 0.3 cr)

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Practice exercises	15	0.6	8
Theory classes	35	1.4	8
Type: Supervised			
In-class exercises and group discussions	10	0.4	2, 8
Individual assignments	15	0.6	3, 8, 9
Type: Autonomous			
Exercises	25	1	3, 8, 9
Individual study	25	1	8, 9

Evaluation

The final grade will be calculated as follows:

- Final exam: 40%
- Midterm: 30%
- Oral assignment: 12%
- Written assignment: 12%
- In-class exercises: 6%

Please note:

- 1) The two exams and assignments are obligatory, as well as having completed 80% of homework and class exercises.

- 2) The minimum grade on assignments and exams to form average is **4.5**.
- 3) The delivery of 50% of the assessment items (assignments / exercises / exams) excludes the possibility of obtaining the status of "no avaluable" as a final course grade.
- 4) The level of English will be taken into account in the correction of written work and in the final evaluation.
- 5) VERY IMPORTANT: Total or partial plagiary of any of the exercises will automatically be considered "fail" (0) for the whole course, not only for the plagiarized item. Plagiary is copying one or more sentences from unidentified sources, presenting it as original work (THIS INCLUDES COPYING PHRASES OR FRAGMENTS FROM THE INTERNET AND ADDING THEM WITHOUT MODIFICATION TO A TEXT WHICH IS PRESENTED AS ORIGINAL). Plagiarism is a serious offense. Students must learn to respect the intellectual property of others, identifying any source they may use, and take responsibility for the originality and authenticity of the texts they produce.

Procedure for Reviewing Grades Awarded

On carrying out each evaluation activity, lecturers will inform students (on Moodle) of the procedures to be followed for reviewing all grades awarded, and the date on which such a review will take place.

Reassessment

Only those students who have successfully completed a series of activities whose value is equivalent to a minimum of 60% of the total course grade are entitled to opt for reassessment.

The maximum grade that can be obtained through reassessment is a **6**.

Evaluation Activities Excluded from Reassessment

The following activities are not eligible for reassessment: in-class assignments and oral presentations.

Approximate assessment calendar:

- Midterm: mid-November
- Final exam: last week
- Written assignment: end November
- Oral assignment: throughout the whole semester
- In-class assignments: after each unit

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Final exam	40%	2	0.08	1, 2, 11, 5, 10, 6, 7, 4, 8
In-class assignments	6%	4	0.16	2, 8
Midterm exam	30%	2	0.08	8
Oral assignment	12%	8.5	0.34	3, 8, 9
Written assignment	12%	8.5	0.34	3, 8, 9

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