

# **Descriptive English Grammar — EN 3423 — Ginger Pizer**

## **Course Description**

All of us can speak our native language without consciously thinking about the rules we use to build phrases and sentences. However, we need a conscious understanding of those rules before we can teach them to others or use them to edit our own writing. The objective of this course is to develop your conscious awareness of the grammatical structures of English and to give you the tools and terminology to analyze those structures.

## **Textbook**

*Understanding English Grammar* (8th edition), 2009, by Martha Kolln & Robert Funk

## **Grading**

The grade for the course will be based on four tests, two short real-world example presentations, and homework assignments given every one to two weeks. The real-world examples are a kind of show-and-tell of things that you have found in the real world to illustrate grammatical concepts that we have discussed in class.

Tests		60%
Homework	30%	
Real-World Examples		10%