

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 (9th edition), 2012, by Martha Kolln & Robert Funk

(The bookstore will have the 9th edition for your convenience. If you prefer to buy the cheaper 8th edition elsewhere, that is allowed. Any important differences between the editions will be discussed in class.)

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%

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