



(Teaching) English Grammar

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Course Description

This course will give participants guidance in the theory and practice of teaching of English grammar. Foundational concepts are covered in the first few weeks before looking at practical techniques such as teaching grammar through rules, texts, and examples. Participants will have the opportunity to produce and share lesson plans based on a variety of grammar rules to create a shared set of resources for the class.

Textbooks

PDF files will be provided from:

- "Teaching Language: From Grammar to Grammaring" by Diane Larsen-Freeman (Heinle ELT)
- "Teaching Grammar Creatively" by Herbert Puchta, Gunter Gerngross, Scott Thornbury (Cambridge)

Reading homework

For the first section of the course there will be readings with questions to answer. The first reading homework is due in Week 3. Bring your answers to class for classroom discussion.

Manner of Lecturing

The course will include lectures, discussions, presentations, demonstrations, and activities.

Attendance and Participation

Out of respect for your classmates and me, please come to every class on time and participate actively. Regular lateness or absence from the course will affect your final grade. Unless notification is given of exceptional circumstances, being absent four times will result in failure of the course.

Assignments & Assessment

Final assessment will be based upon:

1. Reading homework assignments (30%)
2. Creative Grammar Lesson plan and materials (30%)
3. Creative Grammar Lesson presentations (30%)
4. Attendance and participation (10%)

96%-100% A+ / 90%-95% A / 85%-89% B+ / 80%-84% B / >79% C/F

Weekly Schedule

This schedule is tentative and may change due to national holidays, class size, and other factors.

1st	Introduction week
2nd	Grammar lessons demonstrations Inductive vs. Deductive teaching
3rd	M-U-F framework introduction Defining language
4th	Prescriptive vs. Descriptive grammar Beliefs about grammar teaching
5th	Meaning, Use, Form activities
6th	Student form-focused activities workshop
7th	Student form-focused activities workshop
8th	Creative grammar example activities 1
9th	Creative grammar example activities 2
10th	Lesson Plan Presentations Workshop
11th	How to Deal with Grammar Errors + Lesson Plan Due
12th	Lesson Plan feedback
13th	Student Creative Grammar Lesson Presentations
14th	Student Creative Grammar Lesson Presentations
15th	Student Creative Grammar Lesson Presentations
16th	Review week