

Learning Outcomes

Upon successfully completing this course, students will:

1. Reliably identify the roles and relationships of words in a sentence.
2. Demonstrate mastery of grammatical concepts and syntactical strategies and apply this knowledge to produce coherent, economical, and compelling writing.
3. Critique and edit their own and others' writing.

Course Schedule

<p>WEEK 1 INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE</p>	<p>Navigation introduction and welcome from the team</p> <p>L1 What is grammar and why does it matter?</p> <p>L2 Writing standard English</p> <p>L3 Writing at the word level: How words work</p>
<p>WEEK 2 INTRODUCTION TO SENTENCES</p>	<p>L1 Parts of speech and word classes</p> <p>L2 Structure and patterns of sentences, phrases, and clauses</p> <p>L3 Common sentence-level problems</p>
<p>WEEK 3 INTRODUCTION TO VERBS</p>	<p>L1 Finite and non-finite verbs: Linking verbs, auxiliary verbs, transitive and intransitive verbs, verb phrases, phrasal verbs, verbal phrases, infinitives, participles, and gerunds</p> <p>L2 Tense, mood, and voice of verbs</p>
<p>WEEK 4 INTRODUCTION TO NOUNS AND PRONOUNS *STYLE-GUIDE ENTRY 1 ASSIGNED</p>	<p>L1 Form and function of nouns: Noun strings and nominalisations</p> <p>L2 Form and function of pronouns</p> <p>L3 Problems with pronouns</p>
<p>WEEK 5 INTRODUCTION TO ADJECTIVES AND DETERMINERS *STYLE-GUIDE ENTRY 1 DUE</p>	<p>L1 Adjectives: Form, function, use, The 'Royal Order of Adjectives', and degrees of comparison</p> <p>L2 Adjectival sequencing, punctuation, and determiners</p>
<p>WEEK 6 INTRODUCTION TO ADVERBS AND CONJUNCTIONS</p>	<p>L1 Adverbs: Form, function, degrees of comparison, placement of adverbs, intensifiers, and weasels</p> <p>L2 Conjunctions: Coordinating and subordinating, conjunctive adverbs</p>
<p>WEEK 7 INTRODUCTION TO PREPOSITIONS AND PARAGRAPHS *STYLE-GUIDE ENTRY 2 ASSIGNED</p>	<p>L1 How prepositions function, problems with prepositions</p> <p>L2 Paragraphing: Paragraph development and cohesive ties</p>
<p>WEEK 8 INTRODUCTION TO PUNCTUATION *STYLE-GUIDE ENTRY 2 DUE</p>	<p>L1 The main punctuation marks and punctuation problems</p> <p>L2 Other punctuation marks</p>