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General Syllabus:

ENGL 3663 English Grammar

Credit Hours: 3 **Lecture Hours:** 3

Prerequisite: ENGL 1213 Composition II or ENGL 1233 Honors Composition

Pre or Co Requisite: RHET 3203: Textual Research Methods

Effective Semester: Summer I 2011

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

An intense study of English grammar.

B. Additional Information – None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Parse an English sentence, no matter how simple or how complex
2. Recognize and correct errors in English grammar
3. Understand the causes of those errors
4. Edit English prose
5. Explain the theory of transformational grammar, especially as it relates to their own writing
6. Describe with some competence the basic principles of linguistic theory

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication

Students will use communication skills in discussion, writing, and listening.

Global/Cultural Perspectives

Students will be exposed to a diversity of works, theories, and viewpoints.

Technological Literacy

Students will research and identify appropriate source materials to support their presentation and essay.

Analysis

Students will analyze texts for meaning and apply literary concepts to texts.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Subjects and Verbs
- B. Basic Sentence Patterns
- C. Modifiers & Verbals
- D. Compounds
- E. Appositives & Phrases
- F. Don't Dangle That! Problems With Grammar
- G. Transformational grammar: How X Becomes Z, or What Did I Just Say?
- H. Semiotics, or How Do I Mean? Language Theory