

Grammar in Context – AN10004BA/AN10030MA

2-credit seminar

Spring 2015

Course Description

This course is designed to help students deepen their familiarity with various grammatical structures in English. The topics that we will cover throughout the semester include prepositions, multiword verbs, adverbial subordinate clauses, questions, adjectives, and adverbs. In addition, much attention will be paid to common collocations and idioms in general. The classes will be structured in a way that students are provided with a brief description of various grammatical patterns and ample opportunity to see how native speakers use these patterns in context, either in articles from *The New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, and *The Economist* or in highly popular movies like Rob Reiner's *When Harry Met Sally* and Joe Wright's *Pride and Prejudice*, among others.

Textbook

Cowan, Ron. 2008. *The Teacher's Grammar of English: A Course Book and Reference Guide*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Students are requested to consult the librarians in Room 101 so that they have copies of the relevant chapters from the textbook above.

Practice

Handouts on the grammatical phenomena to be discussed in class will be posted on the instructor's website at least 48 hours before they are due. Students will be informed of the availability of new class material via email.

Students are encouraged to contact the instructor during her office hours or via email if they have any questions regarding the course material.

Grading

The final grade will be based on random quizzes and an end-term exam.

Attendance

Students are not allowed to miss more than three classes.

Weekly Syllabus

Week#	Class material	Homework assignments	Grammar in Context
Week 1 (Feb. 16)	Introduction and Grammatical Terms	TGE: pp. 12-27	
Week 2 (Feb. 23)	Prepositions I	TGE: pp. 147-169	Reading: <i>Jane Austen</i>

Week 3 (March 2)	Prepositions II		Movie: <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
Week 4 (March 9)	Multiword Verbs I	TGE: pp. 170-185	Reading: <i>The Economist</i>
Week 5 (March 16)	Multiword Verbs II		Movie: <i>When Harry Met Sally</i>
Week 6 (March 23)	Adverbial Subordinate Clauses I	TGE: pp. 547-572	Reading: <i>The New York Times</i>
Week 7 (March 30)	Adverbial Subordinate Clauses II		Barack Obama's DNC Speech from 2012
Week 8 (April 6)	<i>Holiday recess - no class</i>		
Week 9 (April 13)	<i>Consultation week – no class</i>		
Week 10 (April 20)	Questions I	TGE: pp. 60-87	Reading: <i>Time</i>
Week 11 (April 27)	Questions II		Movie: <i>It's Complicated</i>
Week 12 (May 4)	Adjectives and Adverbs I	TGE: pp. 573-594	Reading: <i>The Brontës & Hawthorth</i>
Week 13 (May 11)	Adjectives and Adverbs II		Movie: <i>Jane Eyre</i>
Week 14 (May 18)	End-Term Exam		

Place and Time

Room 106

8:00-9:40 on Mondays

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