

Course Title: ENG 220 English Grammar And Usage

Term: Fall 2022 Instructor: TBA Course Credit: 3

**Mode of Instruction: Online** 

## **Course Description:**

This course surveys prescriptive-descriptive grammar debate in relation to norms, dialects, and cultural values. Along the way, we learn something of the power and the pleasure of controlling grammar to make our words work for us exactly as we want them to. Short readings illustrate the basic elements and the beauties of grammar and style. Short writing assignments offer students opportunities to practice the lessons of the course.

# **Course Prerequisites:**

N/A

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

A. Demonstrate, through an objective assessment and a writing sample, an understanding of the basic components of sentence structure;

B. Use punctuation and capitalization correctly, as evidenced by an objective assessment and an in-class writing sample;

C. Join sentences together effectively, as evidenced by writing samples produced both in class and out of class;

D. Utilize techniques for peer-editing and will employ them in the classroom in group activities;



### **Course Material:**

Merriam-Webster, *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th Edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2008.

#### **Evaluation:**

- Assignments [40%]
- Mid-term Exam [25%]
- Final Exam [35%]

# **Description of the Evaluation tasks:**

<u>Assignment/ Essay/ ...</u>: During the term, students will be required to finish several evaluation tasks within due date. All the tasks are linked with specific course topics/outcomes and will adequately assess students' competence and learning outcomes. Students are encouraged to meet with instructor about these tasks at any point.

Mid-term/ Final Exams/ Quiz/...: There may be periodic quizzes given at the beginning of lecture sessions; the feedback from these quizzes will monitor the progress of the learners and help to set learning priorities. There will be mid-term exam/ final exam for the course. They are the basic criteria for the evaluation of students' learning outcomes and final grade.

## **Grading Policy:**

Students are supposed to finish each online lecture. Prior to each class, students should finish the required readings. During the class time, students are encouraged to make use of all relevant online course resources and communicate with the instructor. Students' grades are accumulated based on the cumulative evaluations.

Students' letter grade will be assigned according to the following scale:



A+ 90-100	A 85-89	A- 80-84
B+ 77-79	В 73-76	B- 70-72
C+ 67-69	C 63-66	C- 60-62
D+ 57-59	D 53-56	D- 50-52
F < 50		

# **Academic Integrity:**

Students must strictly adhere to the university's academic integrity rule; and all essays, exams and any other form of academic assignments must adhere to these rules. Any form of plagiarism, cheating, or misappropriation of materials will be considered a violation of academic integrity and will be punishable by the university.

# Withdrawal from the Course(s):

Students will be able to apply for a transfer or withdrawal within 3 days of the starting date of the course. If a withdrawal is applied for within 3 working days, the tuition fee will be fully refunded. After 3 days, the tuition fee will not be refunded. If a withdrawal is applied for in the first two weeks, it will be recorded as W (Withdraw) on the course transcript. After this initial two-week period, the class will be recorded as F (Fail).

#### **Tentative Schedule:**

### Week 1

1	Defining grammar
2	Parts of speech
3	The subject-verb pair
4	Diagraming simple sentences
5	The form and structure classes of words Assignment#1



Week 2		
6	Verb voices, moods, and tenses	
7	Transitive and intransitive	
8	Form and function of words within a sentence-subject, predicate, direct and indirect objects, complements	
9	Adverbial, adjectival, and nominal clauses Assignment#2	
10	Sentence types: simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex	
Week 3		
11	The purpose and use of commas, semicolons, and colons	
12	Restrictive and nonrestrictive clauses and phrases	
13	Mid-term Exam	
14	Editing faulty passages	
15	Identifying Adjectives and Adverbs Assignment#3	
Week 4		
16	Comparative and Superlative Adjectives	
17	Adjectives and Adverbs	
18	Identify the Preposition	
19	Run-On sentences	
20	Sentence Logic Assignment#4	
Week 5		
21	Modifiers	
22	Capitalization	
23	Sentence Punctuation	
24	Punctuation	
25	Final Exam	