Texts
Greenbaum, The Oxford English Grammar
Garner, The Oxford Dictionary of American Usage and Style

Materials
Crayola 24-color pencil set

Course goals
This course is designed to teach to the fundamentals of English grammar and to help you understand contemporary problems of usage.

Course work and grading
• Mid-term exam 30%
• Final exam 30%
• Usage project 40%

The exams are take-home exams. The project involves researching an assigned usage problem, reporting on it to the class, and writing a paper on it.

NOTE: Please let me know if you have difficulty discerning the differences between colors.

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Grammar exercises
Exercises will be assigned in class on most days and we will discuss the answers in class. I will not collect and correct them, but doing them is essential to your learning grammar, and they are the main way for you to prepare for the exams.

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SCHEDULE AND DUE DATES

Weeks 1-8: Basic grammar

Weeks 9-14: Advanced grammar

Week 15: Punctuation

Midterm exam: Handed out October 20; due October 27

Final exam: Handed out December 8; due December 15

Usage Project

Preliminary report due: September 29

Report to class: assigned date, November 3 - December 12

Paper due: December 12