Course Syllabus – Advanced Grammar

Instructor Information

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Course Identification

Course Number: ESL 430 - R02
Course Name: Advanced Grammar
Course Location: Walker 130
Class Times: MWF 12:00-1:00pm

Course Description

For students of English as a second language; not for native speakers of English. A grammar-based approach utilizing communicative methods to develop all skills. Focus on perfect and progressive tenses, agreement, modals, passive, clauses, conjunctions, conditionals.

Course Books

Understanding and Using English Grammar – Fourth Edition

Learning Objectives

By the end of the Advanced Grammar course, students will be able to:

1. Use the following structures and aspects reliably in written and spoken contexts:
   a. Parallel structure
   b. Passive voice
   c. Mood
   d. Real/unreal conditionals
   e. Phrasal verbs
   f. All modals
2. Recognize errors in their own work and find resources to resolve these errors.
3. Parse and understand complex sentences (i.e. with successive embedded clauses).
4. Use a variety of sentence structures in written and spoken performance.
**Grading Scheme**

Grades will be based on the following:

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**Grading Scale:**

72-100 → Pass  
0-72 → Fail

**Promotion to the next level**

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= advancement to the next level of ESL classes

**Course Policies**

**Come to class every day.** If you miss a class, you should contact me and tell me why you were absent. You should also **ask a classmate about homework** so that you do not miss any assignments.

If you do not contact me about your absence, you may be reported to IPS, and your visa status may be affected.

After three unexcused absences, your final course grade will be lowered 5% for each absence. Excused absences include: if you are sick with a doctor's note, religious holidays, etc. You can see a full list of excused absences here: [www.mtu.edu/dean/conduct/policy/attendance/](http://www.mtu.edu/dean/conduct/policy/attendance/)

**Make up tests, quizzes, and presentations** will not be given unless arranged in advance. **Come to class on time.** If you arrive to class late three times, it will be counted as one unexcused absence. If you are 10 minutes late or more, you will be marked absent for the day.

**Homework** is due at the beginning of class. Late homework will receive 0 points.

**Participate in class:**

1. Use only English in this classroom, so everyone can understand what you are saying.
2. Turn your cell phone to vibrate or silent. Leave all other electronic devices at home. Texting in class is against MTU rules.
3. Come prepared with all of your class materials and homework completed.
4. Actively participate in class. Respect others by listening closely while they are talking.

Don't plagiarize. Use your own words. A copied or plagiarized assignment will receive 0 points. This is very serious. Plagiarism could result in suspension or expulsion from MTU. If you have questions about plagiarism, ask one of your instructors for help.

Academic regulations and procedures are governed by University policy. Academic dishonesty cases will be handled in accordance the University's policies. You are required to read the university's Academic Integrity policy listed below. Academic Integrity: http://www.studentaffairs.mtu.edu/dean/judicial/policies/academic_integrity.html

Disabilities

If you have a disability that could affect your performance in this class or that requires an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please see me as soon as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements. The Affirmative Action Office has asked that you be made aware of the following: Michigan Tech complies with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have a disability and need a reasonable accommodation for equal access to education or services at Michigan Tech, please call the Dean of Students Office, at 487-2212. For other concerns about discrimination, you may contact your advisor, department head or the Affirmative Action Office, at 487-3310.

Affirmative Action: http://www.admin.mtu.edu/aaao/
Disability Services: http://www.mtu.edu/dean/disability/

This syllabus may be changed during the term to accommodate the needs of either the students or the professor.