

COURSE OUTLINE

ENGL-240

Applied English Grammar

3 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Students of Applied English Grammar will analyze the grammar, syntax, history, and conventional usage of the English language, including its definitions, functions and relationships among its words; the types, styles, and logic of its sentences; and effective use of punctuation. Students will apply these principles through editing, reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking activities and assignments. This course is writing intensive.

Prerequisite: ENGL-121. (3 hours weekly)

Overall Course Objectives

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

1. Identify and analyze the impact of key events and developments in the history of conventional written English usage.
2. Evaluate current models of grammar and syntax in light of their usefulness to writing.
3. Analyze grammar patterns and choose those most appropriate for writing tasks.
4. Apply the principles of standard grammar and usage to editing texts for errors in rhetoric, syntax, case, tense, and punctuation.
5. Design activities using principles of grammar and usage.
6. Research, summarize, and analyze current controversies concerning grammar or usage and offer solutions.
7. Demonstrate effective oral presentation skills by designing and teaching a grammar lesson and/or research results and recommendations

Major Topics

- I. Origin and development of written language
- II. History and development of rules of usage
- III. Structural grammar
- IV. Transformational grammar
- V. Rhetorical grammar
- VI. Analysis of English sentence structures and forms
- VII. Transformation of basic patterns through use of modifiers and sentence combining
- VIII. Identification of major grammar errors
- IX. Introduction to teaching pattern analysis and editing/revising
- X. Research of current issues concerning grammar or usage

Course Requirements

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member, but will include tests, a research project, group activities, and oral presentations. Specific writing assignments will require at least 2,500 words of formal academic writing, as well as informal in-class assignments to explore ideas and respond to class materials.

Other Course Information

This course is an English elective and an Arts and Sciences elective.