

Skyline College
Official Course Outline

Date: November 30, 2006

1. TITLE:

ESOL 873: Intermediate ESL Grammar

3 units, 3 hours per week, with 1 hour by arrangement

Prerequisite: none

Recommendation: Satisfactory completion of ESOL 820, or both ESOL 821 and 822, or ESOL 872, or equivalent, or appropriate skill level as indicated by ESL placement test and other measures as necessary.

2. COURSE CLASSIFICATION:

Credit course NOT applicable to the Associate degree.

3. COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Catalog Description:

Development of sentence variety and grammatical and mechanical accuracy of standard spoken and written English at the intermediate level.

Schedule of Classes Description:

Development of sentence variety and grammatical and mechanical accuracy of standard spoken and written English at the intermediate level.

4. COURSE JUSTIFICATION:

The third in a series of leveled grammar courses, this course instructs students in grammar and language structures necessary for fluency at the high-intermediate level.

5. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO'S):

By the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- A. Compose grammatically correct sentences utilizing intermediate structures of English in writing
- B. Use grammatically correct language utilizing intermediate structures of English in speech
- C. Recognize intermediate structures of English grammar in text and speech
- D. Identify and correct errors in student writing

6. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES:

- A. Compose grammatically correct sentences and expressions utilizing intermediate structures of English in writing
 - i. Analyze language structures in authentic text and grammar text models.
 - ii. Identify forms, functions, and uses of language structures.
 - iii. Use language structures accurately in written exercises to illustrate skill achievement.
- B. Use grammatically correct language utilizing intermediate structures of English in speech
 - i. Analyze language structures in authentic audio media or live speech
 - ii. Identify forms, functions, and uses of language structures.
 - iii. Use language structures accurately in speaking exercises to illustrate skill achievement.
- C. Recognize intermediate structures of English grammar in text and speech
 - i. Analyze language structure and construe meaning from text.
 - ii. Demonstrate comprehension of target structure through reading comprehension exercises.
 - iii. Demonstrate comprehension of target structure through listening comprehension exercises.
- D. Identify and correct errors in student writing
 - i. Using rules and guidelines, apply editing methods to student writing to check for structural errors.
 - ii. Apply techniques studied in class to correction of errors.
 - iii. Produce writing that has progressively fewer errors as the semester progresses.

7. COURSE CONTENT:

The content of this course comprises a little review and focuses intensely on the mastery of intermediate grammar structures including the following:

- review of the English verb tense system (forms, functions, and use)
- tense and aspect
- adverbial phrases and clauses

- passive verbs
- one-word and phrasal modals
- gerunds and infinitives
- intensifiers and degree complements
- modification of noun phrases
- comparatives
- connectors
- relative clauses
- present perfect
- future
- modals of prediction and inference
- hypothetical statements
- sensory and causative verbs
- subjunctive
- discourse markers
- possessives
- quantifiers, collective nouns, and adjectives
- reported speech

8. REPRESENTATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

Text analysis is primary to this course, as it provides students with ample opportunity to critically examine the behaviors and nature of the English language. Contrastive analysis with students' own first language is useful and beneficial. Instruction methods may include:

- presentations of structures in text, film or audio for deductive or inductive analysis
- use of charts and references to illustrate and clarify language structure
- writing activities such as paragraphs, letters, or minor essays to illustrate and demonstrate mastery of mastery of language structure
- speaking activities such as interviews, presentations, or surveys to illustrate and demonstrate mastery of language structure
- use of language logs to record writing errors and correction of them
- searches of internet texts to identify and explain grammar structures

9. ASSIGNMENTS:

Each grammar structure taught in the course should be demonstrated effectively by the student in speaking and in writing. Assignments can include:

- paragraphs, letters, or minor essays
- interviews, presentations, or surveys
- interactive web activities to practice grammar structures
- exercises in text or from supplemental material to practice structures
- language logs

10. EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

Students receive either a letter grade or credit/no credit based upon satisfactory completion at the level of 70% or better on all assignments and participatory activities. Speaking role-plays and presentations will be given to test grammatical speech and written exams will be given to assess language use and ability to recognize correct forms. Careful analysis of language through the use of language logs will demonstrate students' abilities to discern between language structures and apply good editing skills.

11. RECOMMENDED or REQUIRED TEXT(S):

Fuchs and Bonner (2006). Focus on Grammar 4, 3/e. Pearson Ed/Longman: Boston. 0131900080.

Mahnke, O'Dowd & Mahnke. (2005). Grammar Links 2, 2/e. Houghton Mifflin: Boston. 0-618-27413-8.

Murphy & Smalzer. (2002) Grammar in Use, Intermediate. 2/e. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge. 0-521-62597-1

Thewlis (2000). Grammar Dimensions 3: Form, Meaning, and Use. Platinum edition. Heinle & Heinle: Boston. 0-83840277-1.