Fall 2007
EF04 sec. 0914
ESL Intensive Grammar II

Classroom: CO 15
Time: 12:30 - 1:45pm

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Syllabus
Course Description:
This is an advanced English grammar course for non-native speakers of English, designed to provide reinforcement of complex English structures and their syntactic, semantic, morphological, rhetorical and phonetic components through a communicative and metacognitive approach.

Objectives of the course:
By the end of the course the student will be able to:
1. Successfully employ dependent and independent clauses to express more complex relationships between ideas both in oral and written communication.
2. Demonstrate comprehension of and correctly utilize the order of words in a noun clause and punctuation with quoted speech.
3. Demonstrate comprehension of how English connects components of information that are in a relationship of equality, time, or cause-effect, by correctly utilizing coordinating conjunctions and adverb clauses.
4. Demonstrate comprehension and accuracy in oral and written forms of the conditional verb tense.

Procedure for Accomplishing these Objectives:
1. Students will participate in lectures, analyzing/synthesizing the rules together in class to build an understanding of the formulae of the grammar structures.
2. Audiotapes and software in the Skills Center will provide reinforcement as students progress through the required 14 hours using assigned materials.
3. Dyadic and group discussion will provide practice in the oral/aural skills necessary to internalize the grammar structures.
4. Reading and writing assignments in and out of class will reinforce the target grammar forms.
Student requirements for completion of the course:

To obtain a grade of ‘S’ (Satisfactory) students must:
1. Bring their text and workbook to each class meeting.
2. Complete and submit all assignments by the assigned dates.
3. Participate in class discussion and activities;
4. Achieve an average minimum grade of 75% on the chapter tests. (The lowest test grade will be dropped from your average)
5. Achieve a minimum grade of 75% on the final comprehensive exam.
6. Complete 14 hours in the Skills Center on assigned tasks, with at least half complete by October 20. Prizes will be given for completion of half the hours!

Grading practices:

- Class participation 20%
- Chapter tests 60
- Final exam 20
  100%

Rules concerning student absence and lateness:
1. Students are expected to be on time for class. Class begins promptly at 12:30.
2. Three ‘lates’ = 1 absence
3. Students are expected to attend every class.
4. After 2 absences a student may be dropped from this class.
5. In the event of absence, the student must do the homework assigned for the missed class.

Mark your calendar:
No classes:
- Thurs., Sept 13 (Rosh Hashanah)
- Tues., Sept. 18 (Faculty all day meeting)
Our last class: Tues., Dec. 18

Required Texts and Materials:

3rd edition. (blue)

- BOTH your own text and workbook are required for this class.
- A separate notebook, sharp pencil and highlighter for class notes and exercises
EF04  ESL Intensive Grammar II Outline

Prof. McConnell will apprise you of any change in this sequence
Each test will include a few questions from previous chapters.

Week 1  Review of parts of speech;
         Ch. 11, the passive

Week 2  Review of the passive
         Test on Ch. 11
         Begin Ch. 12, noun clauses

Week 3  The subjunctive noun clause

Week 4  Test on Ch. 12
         Begin Ch. 13, adjective clauses

Week 5  Continue Ch. 13-adjective phrases

Week 6  Test on Ch. 13

Week 7  Begin Ch. 16, coordinating conjunctions

Week 8, 9 Test on Ch. 16
         Begin Ch. 5 and 17, adverb clauses

Week 10 Continue adverb clauses
        Test on Ch. 5 and 17, adverb clauses

Week 11 Begin Ch 18, reduction of adverb clauses

Week 12 Test on Ch. 18
         Begin Ch. 19, connectives

Week 13 Test on Ch. 19
         Begin Ch. 20, conditionals

Week 14 Continue Ch. 20
        Test on Ch. 20

Week 15 Review and comprehensive final exam