

ESLG 50 Intermediate-Mid Grammar

Spring 2010

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Office Hours: M W: 2:45-3:55
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(or by appointment)

Text and Materials: Betty S. Azar. Fundamentals of English Grammar, Third Edition
You must have your own textbook and bring it to class every day, starting the second day of class. You will not be allowed to share a book during class. Not bringing your book to class will result in being marked 1/2 absent for the day.

Prerequisite: Grade of “C” or better in ESLW 40 or proof of placement from the SCC Assessment Office. You must fulfill the prerequisite by the second class day or you will be dropped from the course.

Course Description: This course concentrates on the fundamental grammatical structures of English at the Intermediate-Mid Level. Students will develop skill and accuracy in using these grammatical structures in appropriate contexts. Oral and written practice activities emphasize verb tenses and sentence structure.

Course Objectives: Objectives include developing skill and accuracy in using basic English grammar, including eight verb tenses, present/future modals, nouns and pronouns, yes/no and “wh-“ questions, articles, determiners, quantifiers, and connecting words.

Methods of Instruction: Class activities include presentation and discussion of grammatical structures, intensive oral practice in class, individual written assignments in class and at home, small-group practice, and editing activities.

Methods of Evaluation: Students will be evaluated by quizzes, tests, a final exam, and written homework assignments. In order to receive a C or better in the class, students must have an average of 70% on quizzes, tests and the final exam.

Class Attendance and Homework: Students are expected to attend all class meetings. If you have more than three absences from class, I may drop you from class. Please note that if you exceed the number of allowed absences (3) after the last day to drop (April 18), you will fail the class. Also, come to class on time. Being late to class (5-15 minutes) or leaving class early (before class is dismissed) will result in 1/2 absence. Being 16 minutes or more late will result in being marked absent. If you are absent, call a classmate to get the assignment. It is the students’ responsibility to get any handouts they missed before the next class day. I do not bring extra handouts to class, so come to my office to get missed handouts before the next class. **I do not give make-up tests for any reason, so don’t be absent on test days.**

Homework is due at the beginning of the class period. Late work will not be accepted. You are expected to complete all homework assignments. Sometimes I will collect your homework and check it; sometimes I will post answers to exercises, and you will check your own work. All out-of-class work must follow the directions given for that assignment, or you will not receive credit for your work. Generally, homework must be double-spaced, single-sided, on 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch lined paper, written in blue or black ink, and pages stapled together. Do your own homework; having someone else do your homework or check and correct your homework is cheating. You will not get credit for work that is not your own.

Please note that the college requires students to study 2 hours at home for every hour in class. In other words, you should plan to study 8 hours every week at home for this class if you hope to get a passing grade. If you do not like to study or to do homework, this is not the class for you; you will be very unhappy in this class. Homework is a very important part of this class.

When you attend class, I expect you to behave like a mature adult. This means that you will show respect for classmates and the teacher. Please do not eat or sleep in class, and do not answer out of turn. Also, turn off all electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, and so on) before you enter the classroom. **If your phone rings or makes noise during class, your next test grade will be lowered by one grade; if it rings or makes noise during a test or quiz, you will get an F (0 points) on that test.**

This is an English-only class. You will not speak any language other than English. If you speak a language other than English, even just a few words for any reason, I will subtract 10 points from your point total. If you break the English-only rule sufficient times, you may fail the class.

Tests: There will be a test after each unit covered in the Azar grammar book. These tests will cover material from Azar, class lectures, homework assignments, and handouts.

The teacher will assign seating on test days and other days as needed. Cheating is not tolerated. Cheating in any form (talking, looking around the room or at another student, using notes or crib sheets, having your cell phone or other electronic device on your desk or lap, not turning in your test when told to do so, and so on) will result in an F (0 points) on that test. Cheating might cause you to fail the class. Anybody found cheating during a test may have his/her test taken away and may be told to leave the class for the rest of the day. In addition, you will not get tests back after you take them; tests are the property of the teacher. You are welcome to see the teacher in her office to go over your tests individually.

Grading: Your grade will be based on the total number of points you have earned on your quizzes, tests, final exam, and homework; your grade will be assigned according to the standard percentages:

90-100% = A 80-89% = B 70-79% = C 60-69% = D below 60% = F

Special Needs: Please let me know if you have any special needs that I should be aware of.

Important Dates

Holidays: February 12 and 15, and March 29-April 4

Last day to petition for Pass/No Pass: February 11

Last day to drop without notation on record: February 14

Last day to drop with a "W" on record: April 18

Final Exam : Monday, May 17, 12:45-2:45

You must take the final exam with your class at the scheduled time.