

LING 388: How English Grammar Works

Preliminary Course Outline

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Course description:

LING 388 introduces students to a functional grammar of English. Students will learn how English grammar works by analyzing and identifying the forms and functions of morphemes, words, phrases, and clauses.

This course will provide students with the tools necessary to

- understand how morphemes, words, phrases, and clauses are structured and how these forms function in English sentences
- identify the forms and functions of the constituents of grammar
- write acceptable sentences for various sentence patterns using a variety of constituent forms
- diagram sentences to show the structure of phrases, sentences, and clauses.

Course content will be fully online and asynchronous, that is no “real-time” sessions will be required. Students will be invited to attend optional online Zoom review/tutorial sessions where we will review exercises/problems and answer questions about the current topics. These sessions will be recorded so they are available to students who are unable to attend the live sessions.

Proposed Evaluation:

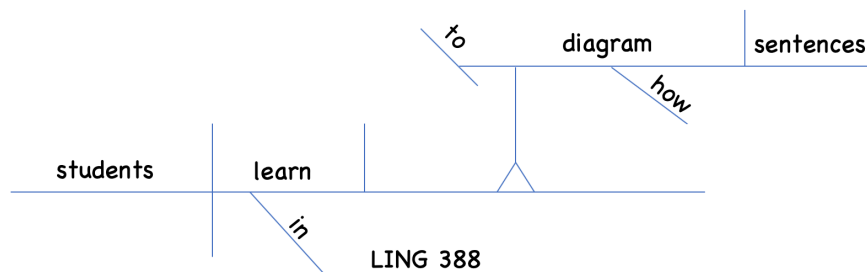
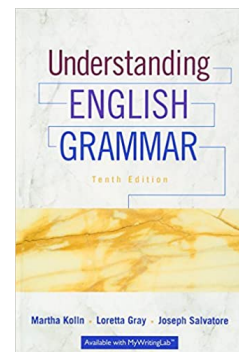
Online assignments = 30%

Test #1 = 15%

Test #2 = 15%

Final exam = 40%

Text: *Understanding English Grammar, 10th ed.* (2014) Martha Kolln, Loretta Gray & Joseph Salvatore. Pearson Education Inc.



(In LING 388, students learn how to diagram sentences.)