

University of Victoria.
How English Grammar Works: LING 388 A01.
Fall 2025 (202509). 1.5 Units.



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Section:	A01.	CRN Number:	12005.
Unit Value:	1.5 units.	Prerequisites:	None.
Contact Days:	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays.	Contact Hours:	9:30 am to 10:20 am.
Delivery Method:	Synchronous Face-to-face.	Classroom:	CLE C113.

Course Content.

This 1.5-unit course does not have any prerequisites, i.e., no prior knowledge is required. How English Grammar Works describes the structure of English grammar, focusing on the forms and functions of the building blocks of the grammar, so you can learn the grammar but also learn about grammar. These building blocks comprise morphemes/words which combine into phrases, combining to create clauses and ultimately sentences, including variations of sentence patterns. These structures are not without purpose. Examples of how these structures can be used to meet the communicative objectives of the writer and a means to decode such objectives for the reader will be considered. The notion of language variety and standards will be briefly discussed.

Required Materials.

- Choice of electronic eTEXT **or** PAPER text:
 - eTEXT: Huddleston, R., Pullum, G., & Reynolds, B. (2021). *A student's introduction to English grammar* (2nd ed.). Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9781009085748
 - PAPER: Huddleston, R., Pullum, G., & Reynolds, B. (2021). *A student's introduction to English grammar* (2nd ed.). Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9781009088015
- Minimum technology requirements for students (see [UVic Requirements](#)). These apply as this course requires some online participation.

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