Mercer County Community College

Liberal Arts Division

COURSE OUTLINE

ESL121 Course Number		ESL Grammar Concepts I		4
		Course Title		Credits
3/week Class or Lecture Hours	2/week Laboratory Work Hours	O/week Laboratory, Shop, Studio or Clinic Experience	0/week Work Experience Hours	15 weeks Semester Length
	Not Applicable			pplicable
Performan	ce on an Examinat	ion/Demonstration	Tele	course

Required Materials:

Reference Liberal Arts Division Booklist

Catalog Description:

An intermediate level English grammar course for students who have an elementary knowledge of English but are weak in grammar. A systematic study of the structure of the English language, this course will emphasize verb forms from the simple present to the perfect tenses. English word order in basic sentence types will be covered.

Latest Review: Fall 2007

<u>Prerequisites</u>: Score of 50 on ESL placement test

Course Coordinator: Michael Beihl

GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The primary objective is to develop in the student a firm foundation in the use of verb forms from the simple present to the perfect tenses and an understanding of English word order. While verbs will be emphasized, the course will also treat the topics of noun-verb agreement, the use of articles, and the functions of modal auxiliaries.

UNITS TO BE COVERED:

Chapters 1,2,3,4,6,11,7 in <u>Fundamentals of English Grammar</u>. Third Edition. There will be a <u>test after each unit</u>.

CLASS SESSIONS:

Class sessions will be devoted to explanations of grammar, review of written and oral homework assignments, dictations, quizzes and tests. Students should bring their text and workbook to all classes.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Attendance and participation in all class and laboratory activities.
- 2. Completion of <u>all</u> homework assignments.
- 3. Unannounced short grammar quizzes and dictations.
- 4. <u>Six</u> tests and a Final Examination. (A part of all tests will be administered orally and, therefore, require listening skills.)

EVALUATION:

- 1. Participation in all class activities: attendance, quizzes and dictations (10%).
- 2. Successful complete of all laboratory assignments (25%).
- 3. <u>Six</u> tests (There will be <u>no</u> make-up tests; your <u>five</u> highest grades will be counted in your final average.) (50%)
- 4. A <u>Final Examination</u> (during the Final Examination Period) (15%)

FINAL GRADE: An average of 70% (grade C) constitutes mastery and is necessary to pass on to ESL122 (ESL Grammar Concepts II).

93% - 100% = A 90% - 92% = A-87% - 89% = B+ 83% - 86% = B 80% - 82% + B-77% - 79% = C+ 70% -76% = C 0%-69% = NC

SCHEDULE:

<u>WEEK</u> 1-3	UNIT Introduction to the Course Present Tense	<u>CHAPTER</u> 1
4-5	Past Tense	2
6-7	Future Time	3
8-9	Perfect Tenses	4
10-11	Nouns and Pronouns	6
12-13	Count and Non-Count Nouns	11
14	Modal Auxiliaries	7
15	General Course Review for Final	
16	FINAL EXAMINATION	

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Course Number: EL015 Course Title: ESL Grammar I lab

Lab Credit Hours: 1 credit (2 lab hours)

Prerequisite: Score of 50 on ESL placement test

Corequisite: EL105: ESL grammar I

Required Materials: 1) Fundamentals of English Grammar Workbook

Azar: Prentice Hall

Course Description: An English grammar lab to accompany EL105 (Grammar I). In the lab students are expected to work on assignments that will supplement the lecture instruction. Assignments will come from a required workbook as well as from computer based (Alania System) programs. The assignments are designed to allow the student maximum interaction with the English language in a supportive environment. Each student has a prescriptive program for their individual weaknesses and can progress at their own rate.

Course Requirements: 1) Completion of ALL lab assignments

2) Attendance and participation in lab activities.

Lab sessions: Lab sessions will be devoted to working on the given lab assignment

and on keeping a record of the progress of the work done. Lab instructor may give unannounced quizzes and/or dictations as part of

the lab assignment.

Evaluation: 1) Attendance and participation in lab activities (10%).

2) Successful completion of laboratory assignments (75%).

3) Average of grades of quizzes and dictations (15%).

4) A total of 70% must be achieved to pass the lab.

Schedule:

Weeks I and II: Present Tense

Weeks III and IV: Past Tense

Weeks V and VI: Future Tense

Weeks VII and VIII: Nouns and Pronouns

Weeks IX and X: Modals

Weeks XI and XII: The Perfect Tense

Weeks XIII and XIV: Count and Noncount Nouns; Articles

Weeks XV and XVI: Review and Final Examination