



Teaching Guide

Identifying Data					2023/24
Subject (*)	English Grammar	Code	613G03025		
Study programme	Grao en Inglés: Estudos Lingüísticos e Literarios				
Descriptors					
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits	
Graduate	2nd four-month period	Third	Obligatory	6	
Language	English				
Teaching method	Face-to-face				
Prerequisites					
Department	Letras				
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General description	<p>This course aims to provide a detailed survey of topics in modern English grammar covering up to the simple sentence. The main emphasis is on description rather than grammatical theory, and we shall follow the broadly-based approach associated with the grammars of Quirk and his associates. Attention will also be paid to the work of other authors of the Functionalist and Systemic tradition.</p> <p>In the practical classes, students will be trained in the use of grammatical structures at advanced level, since an understanding of the mechanics of language is no substitute for active use and control of the language itself.</p> <p>Desired learning outcome for linguistic competence: C1</p>				

Study programme competences

Code	Study programme competences
A1	Coñecer e aplicar os métodos e as técnicas de análise lingüística e literaria.
A11	Ter capacidade para avaliar, analizar e sintetizar criticamente información especializada.
A18	Dominar a gramática da lingua inglesa.
B1	Utilizar os recursos bibliográficos, as bases de datos e as ferramentas de busca de información.
B2	Manexar ferramentas, programas e aplicacións informáticas específicas.
B3	Adquirir capacidade de autoformación.
B5	Relacionar os coñecementos cos doutras áreas e disciplinas.
B6	Ter capacidade de organizar o traballo, planificar e xestionar o tempo e resolver problemas de forma efectiva.
B7	Ter capacidade de análise e síntese, de valorar criticamente o coñecemento e de exercer o pensamento crítico.
B10	Comportarse con ética e responsabilidade social como cidadán/á e profesional.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Study programme competences		
Students should have a solid command of the English language.	A18		
Students should be able to use bibliographic resources, database and information search tools.	A1	B1 B2 B3	
Students should be able to communicate effectively in any kind of context.		B5 B10	
Students should be able to relate their knowledge to other fields and subjects.		B5	
Students should have time management and planning skills and should be able to solve problems effectively.		B2 B3 B6	



Students should know how to use information technology tools, which will be basic in their work and lives.		B1 B2 B3
Students should be able to apply critical thinking skills to the evaluation of information.	A11	B7

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
1. Introduction	1.1. Course aims 1.2. Descriptive vs prescriptive approaches to the study of English 1.3. Basic mistakes to be avoided 1.4. Grammar and style 1.5. Teaching and learning grammar
2. Basic concepts	2.1. Levels of analysis. The hierarchy of grammatical units 2.2. The difference between function and category 2.3. Basic terminology
3. Description of grammatical units	3.1 The verb phrase: types, structure, tense, aspect, mood and types of verbs. 3.2 The noun phrase: structure and elements. Gender and number. The genitive case. Pronouns. 3.3. Adverb and adjective phrases: characteristics, differences, structure and functions. 3.4. Prepositions and conjunctions
4. Clause structure	4.1. Types of clauses 4.1. Canonical and non-canonical clauses 4.2. Information packaging in the clause
5. Word formation processes	5.1 Derivation or affixation 5.2 Compounding 5.3 Conversion or zero derivation 5.4 Other processes
6. Introduction to Corpus Linguistics	6.1. Basics 6.2. Creation of a corpus

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies	Ordinary class hours	Student?s personal work hours	Total hours
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A18 B5	21	21	42
Workbook	B1 B3 B6	0	8	8
Workshop	A11 A18 B6	22	22	44
Supervised projects	A18 B1 B5 B6 B7 B10	1	15	16
Oral presentation	A18 B1 B2 B5 B6	4	16	20
Mixed objective/subjective test	A1 A11 A18 B1 B5 B6	3	15	18
Personalized attention		2	0	2

(*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies	
Methodologies	Description
Guest lecture / keynote speech	Oral presentation offered by the lecturer, using audiovisual material ? if necessary? and encouraging student interaction. It is aimed at transmitting knowledge and promoting learning.



Workbook	Compilation of printed texts and written documents, collected and edited, as a tool to prepare and consolidate the contents and competences of the course.
Workshop	Applied learning situation incorporating a range of supervised learning and testing techniques (presentation, simulation, debate, problem-solving, guided practice, etc.) with a strongly practical focus, under the guidance of the teacher.
Supervised projects	Students will have to submit a written project. The objectives, characteristics, supporting material and format of presentation of the project will be explained at the beginning of the course. The work will be carried out under the supervision and guidance of the lecturer.
Oral presentation	Students will have to present a grammar topic of their choice from a methodological or didactic perspective. The specific guidelines will be provided at the beginning of the course.
Mixed objective/subjective test	A mixed test consisting of essay-type and objective test questions. The essay section consists of open (extended answer) questions; the objective part of the test may contain multiple-choice, ordering and sequencing, short answer, binary, completion and/or multiple-matching questions, etc. This test will be done on the official date for the final exam if the students have not passed the two partial tests throughout the course.

Personalized attention

Methodologies	Description
Supervised projects Oral presentation	Throughout the semester, students should inform the lecturer about their progress on the supervised projects and oral presentations, either during office hours or by e-mail.

Assessment

Methodologies	Competencies	Description	Qualification
Supervised projects	A18 B1 B5 B6 B7 B10	The students will carry out a supervised project throughout the course. Originality in the approach chosen, appropriate style and register as well as grammatical correctness will be awarded.	20
Oral presentation	A18 B1 B2 B5 B6	The students will have to do an oral presentation about a grammar topic of their choice from a didactic perspective. Their communicative competences and their presentation skills and meaningful use of technological tools will be evaluated.	20
Mixed objective/subjective test	A1 A11 A18 B1 B5 B6	Students can pass this part of the course by sitting for the two partial tests which will be done throughout the course OR by means of a final exam which will be held in June. This official exam will be mandatory if the students have not passed/sit for the continuous assessment partial tests.	60

Assessment comments



IMPORTANT:

In order to pass this course, a minimum of 5 out of 10 in the final mark is required. A score of 4 out of 10 is the minimum required in each of the parts of the course (supervised project/oral presentation/mixed test).

Any academic dishonesty (plagiarism, cheating in exams, unacceptable use of AI, etc.) will be penalised with the mark of 0 (SUSPENSO) in both the first and the second opportunities, in accordance with the provisions of the "Regulamento disciplinar do estudantado da UDC" (article 11 4b). To detect plagiarism, the application Turnitin could be used. This application recognises papers previously turned in by other people (or the student him/herself) at this university or other universities.

Deadlines for assignments are strict. Late arrivals (up to 5 days) will be penalised (25% off the final mark), unless they are duly justified.

Extra-credit material carried out by the students during the course could be awarded up to an extra 5% of the final mark. This can include voluntary work, alternative readings, voluntary participation in forums or any other activity proposed and accepted by students and teachers.

The students who do not attend the official exam will be given a grade of NP (absent) if they have not submitted the supervised paper or the presentation.

The dates for the supervised projects, oral presentation and mixed objective tests will be announced well ahead of time.

July opportunity: Those students with less than a 4 in each of the parts evaluated in the course (even if the average is superior to 5) will have to sit for the "second opportunity exam session" in July, where students can retake those parts they have failed, according to the following distribution of percentages: Supervised project (20%), oral presentation (20%), mixed test about the contents of the course (60%).

Students sitting the December exam (final exam brought forward) will be assessed according to the criteria specified for the July opportunity.

Students who are officially registered as part time, and have been granted permission not to attend classes, as stipulated in the regulations of this University, will be assessed in either of the opportunities according to the same criteria specified for the second opportunity.

This module can be adapted to students who need support for their particular situation (physical, visual, auditory, cognitive, learning process, or related to mental health). If necessary, students should contact the services available in UDC/in their school or faculty, or the Unidade de Atención á Diversidade (ADI) at the beginning of each academic semester in the timeframe officially established (<https://www.udc.es/cufie/adi/apoioalumnado/>); alternatively, they can contact the ADI tutor in the Faculty of Philology at the following address: pat.filologia@udc.gal).

Gender equality: I will incorporate a gender perspective into this subject. This will include, among other measures, the use of non-sexist language, the selection of books and articles written by men and by women, as well as encouraging participation from all students in class, regardless of their gender. I will also try to identify and address sexist prejudices and attitudes and will actively work towards the modification of this environment and the promotion of values of respect and equality. In the event of gender discrimination, appropriate actions will be implemented to rectify such cases.

IMPORTANTE: Para superar a materia, a suma da proba final, o traballo tutelado, presentación oral e demais actividades avaliadas deberá ser 5 sobre 10, tendo en conta que a cualificación mínima de cada unha das partes (actividades do obradoiro/ traballo tutelado e exposición oral do mesmo/probamiستا) deberá ser de 4 puntos sobre 10.

Aplicarase unha penalización do 25% sobre a cualificación final de traballos e actividades se estes son entregados fóra de prazo sen causa xustificada. Os alumnos/as que non se presenten o día das probas obxectivas de xuño ou xullo acadarán a cualificación de NP, se non entregaron máis do 50% de actividades durante o curso.

AVALIACIÓN XULLO: Os/as estudantes que non presenten o traballo tutelado, ou que non teñan acadado un 4 en cada un dos bloques avaliados (aínda que a nota mediasexa superior a 5) terán que ir á oportunidade de xullo, na que cada estudante terá que demostrar ter acadado as competencias da materia mediante a entrega dun traballo escrito e defensa oral do mesmo en substitución do traballo tutelado, a superación de actividades escritas semellantes ás avaliadas a longo do curso e, finalmente, mediante unha proba mixta sobre os contidos do curso. As instrucións e porcentaxes concretas faranse públicas despois da publicación das cualificacións finais en xuño.

Alumnado con dispensa: O alumnado matriculado a tempo parcial e que teña concedida unha dispensa académica deberá porse en contacto co profesorado da materia a principio de curso para planificar, en cada situación concreta e individual, os axustes necesarios na avaliación, no tocante as porcentaxes de "obradoiro", "traballos tutelados" e "presentación oral".

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Complementary	

Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Lingüística Xeral/613G03004

Use of English 1/613G03020

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Aspects of English/613G03031

Subjects that continue the syllabus

English Studies/613G03039

Other comments

A good command of English (C1 level) is compulsory to pass this course.

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