

Department of English and Writing Studies

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A study of how the English language works in practice, the course surveys the grammatical structure of the language, using descriptive vocabulary and concepts derived from current linguistic theory, and explores the relationship of that grammatical structure to questions of style and rhetorical intention – to the practice of writing. Previous experience in linguistics is neither expected nor required.

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Required Texts:

Honegger, Mark. *English Grammar for Writing*. Houghton Mifflin Company, 2005.

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March 12/14: Ch. 6 Grammatical Roles; Ch. 7 Adverbials and Other Elements in the Clause

March 19/21: Ch. 7 Adverbials and Other Elements in the Clause
Ch. 8 Passive? Tense? What's on That Verb?

FOURTH IN-CLASS TEST WEDNESDAY MARCH 21ST (10%)

March 26/28: Ch. 8 Passive? Tense? What's on That Verb?
Ch. 10 The System of Modifiers

April 2/4: Ch. 10 The System of Modifiers

April 9/11: Review/Conclusions

SECOND ESSAY DUE WEDNESDAY APRIL 11TH (30%)

[FORMAL FINAL EXAMINATION (2 HOURS; 25%) DURING THE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION PERIOD; DATE/TIME/ROOM T.B.A.]

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Your final mark in the course will be based on the following required work:

Four in-class tests (closed-book) on topics covered in Honegger 35%

***First Essay, approx. 750 words, due Wednesday, February 28th 10%**

***Second (Major) Essay, approx. 2000 to 2500 words, due Wednesday, April 11th (last day of classes) 30%**

A formal, written final examination (two hours, closed-book) on topics covered in Honegger (date/time t.b.a.)

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The essays are due, and the four in-class tests will be written, on the dates set out in the course Schedule.

Requests for **extensions of the first essay due date** will be considered on a case-by-case basis; any extension granted will be for a maximum of one week only, unless granted pursuant to a formal request for accommodation (see 'Medical Accommodation Policy' below). The **second (major) essay** is due and must be submitted on the last day of class: **Wednesday, April 11th. That is a deadline**; any extension will require a formal request for academic accommodation, a recommendation of 'INC' or similar issued directly to me by your academic counsellor.

Permission to 'make-up' a missed in-class test will be granted *only* pursuant to a formal request for accommodation (see 'Medical Accommodation Policy' below). Further, students should be aware that **any** requests for **SPC** for the final examination, **INC** for the course, and so on **must** be directed in the first instance to the Dean's office of the student's home faculty. Individual instructors do **not** have the authority to make these kinds of formal arrangements.

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For UWO Policy on Accommodation For Medical Illness, see:

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf>

(downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> under the Medical Documentation heading)

Students seeking academic accommodation **on medical or other grounds** for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments

The University Senate requires the following statement to appear on course outlines:

“Unless you have either the prerequisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it,