Writing 2210G/001 (Winter, 2020) GrammarPhobia Demystified: Contemporary Grammar for Writers

Monday, 12:30 - 2:20 and Wednesday, 1:30 - 2:20, in UC Rm. 2110

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:

Kolln, Martha and Loretta Gray, <u>Rhetorical Grammar: Grammatical Choices, Rhetorical Effects</u> Eighth Edition. Pearson, 2017.

[A good, university-level dictionary (e.g. the Oxford Concise or equivalent) recommended.]

Schedule of Readings/Topics

Jan. 6/8: Introduction: General Conceptual and Historical Background

Jan. 13/15: Introduction (cont.)

Jan. 20/22: Words and Word Classes

Rhetorical Grammar, c. 1 and 12

March 2/4: Sentence Patterns and Verbs
Rhetorical Grammar, c. 2 and 3

March 9/11:

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