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Writing 2210G/001 (Winter, 2021) GrammarPhobia Demystified: Contemporary Grammar for Writers

<u>This class will be entirely online this year and asynchronous. Further information below under 'Attendance' and 'Due Dates/Test Dates'. See also the 'Welcome' message that you will find on the 'Getting Started' page on our course Owl site.</u>

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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Consultation: by Western email (beavrs@uwo.ca) or course Owl email. I will typically respond within 24 to 36

hours. No in-person office hours this term.

Required Texts:

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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

Week of Jan. 11: Introduction: General Conceptual and Historical Background

Week of Jan. 18: Introduction (cont.)

Week of Jan. 25: Words and Word Classes

Rhetorical Grammar, c. 1 and 12

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Week of Feb. 1: Words and Word Classes (cont.); Phrases

Rhetorical Grammar, c. 1 and 12; c. 5 pp. 78-90 and c. 6 pp. 91-99

Week of Feb. 8: Phrases

Rhetorical Grammar, c. 5 pp. 78-90 and c. 6 pp. 91-99

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(Reading Week February 13 – 21)

Week of Feb. 22:

circumstances:

- •! for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., December and April exams)
- •! absence of a duration greater than 48 hours,
- •! assessments worth more than 30% of the student's final grade,
- •! if a student has already used the self-