English 103 (03) Modern English Grammar Professor N. Stork Fall 2014

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Please make an appointment with Gabriel Rabanal in the main English office!

This course is a linguistically-based, historically-informed introduction to Modern English grammar. We will begin with phonemes and end with a detailed syntactical analysis of the Gettysburg Address. This course meets the California Content Standards for students interested in the Single Subject Teaching Credential.

Course Reader:

English Grammar Notes, available at the A.S. Print Shop, Hoover Hall.

Please read the relevant sections and do the exercises in the reader in advance of class. You will be called on everyday.

Grading:

Grading will be calculated on a 400 point scale as follows:

Homework 200 points
Two Midterms: 120 points
Final Exam: 80 points
TOTAL: 400 POINTS

Homework will be distributed and collected regularly in class. You are allowed one late assignment per semester. Please use it wisely. The usual percentages will apply unless there is an astonishingly divergent distribution of final grades:

- A 360-400 points
- B 320-360 points
- C 280-320 points
- D 240-280 points
- F Fewer than 240 points

Please see me if you need Disability Accommodations.

All work must be your own, particularly exams. I do not mind if you study and do homework together, as long as you each contribute actively to the process.

Schedule of Classes:

Aug 26 Aug 28	Introduction Phonetics
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Sep 2	Morphology
Sep 4	Morphology
Sep 9	Parts of Speech
Sep 11	Parts of Speech
Sep 16	The Noun Phrase
Sep 18	The Noun Phrase
Sep 23	<u>First Midterm</u>
Sep 25	Main Verb Phrase
Sep 30	Main Verb Phrase
Oct 2	Constituent Analysis
Oct 7	Constituent Analysis
Oct 9	Sentences
Oct 14	Sentences
Oct 16	Instructor Holiday (the rest of the university is open)
Oct 21	Basic Coordination
Oct 23	Basic Coordination
Oct 28	Review
Oct 30	Second Midterm
Nov 4	Subordinate Clauses and other Adverbials
Nov 6	Subordinate Clauses and other Adverbials
Nov 11	No Class – Veteran's Day
Nov 13	Relative Clauses and other Adjectivals
Nov 18	Relative Clauses and other Adjectivals
Nov 20	Nominal Clauses and other Nominals
Nov 25	Nominal Clauses and other Nominals
Nov 27	No Class – Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 2	Apposition and Clefting
Dec 4	Apposition and Clefting
Dec 9	Review

Final Exam: Friday, December 12, 2014 1445-1700