

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 35

Credits: 3

Course Title: Applied Grammar 3

Course Description: Provides instruction and practice in the use of intermediate-level academic English grammar structures, including verb tenses, parts of speech, and basic sentence structure. Helps ESL students assess their own knowledge of English grammar, improve accuracy, and learn methods to improve editing. Prerequisite: Successful completion of ESL 31 or approval by the ESL program coordinator. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course is designed to help students improve their intermediate level grammar skills and become more accurate and efficient writers so that students can be more successful in their high intermediate and advanced level writing courses.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

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Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the students will be able to

- a. Assess most of their own error patterns;
- b. Apply strategies to successfully edit their written work; and
- c. Demonstrate greater accuracy in targeted grammar.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Expressing present, past, and future time
- b. Making appropriate time/tense shifts
- c. Subject-verb agreement
- d. Count and uncountable nouns
- e. Basics of article/determiner use
- f. Basic word class distinctions
- g. Pronouns
- h. Prepositions
- i. Sentence structure and punctuation

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: March 3, 2015