

ELG213 Language Structure: Sentences and Sounds

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

This course builds on students' basic understanding of English sentence structure (grammar) and English sound system (pronunciation). In the study of English grammar, the focus will be on developing a more profound understanding and analysis of sentence structure in terms of its constituents and word classes. In the study of pronunciation, the focus will be on developing a deeper understanding and analysis of English pronunciation using the International Phonetics Association (IPA) system.

Topics:

- What is grammar? Word Class; Nouns
- Noun Phrases
- Verbs; Verb Phrases
- SVOCA; Sentence Types
- Phonetic Transcription
- Suffixes and Word Stress; Weak Forms and Reduced Vowels

Textbooks:

: The Nuts and Bolts of English Grammar (etext) Marshall Cavendish
ISBN-13: 9789814794817

Learning Outcome:

- Identify the constituent and word class structures of English
- Demonstrate their understanding of the constituent and word class structures of English by using the theoretical constructs learnt
- Recognize all the key English sounds and prosodic features
- Illustrate their understanding of the key English sounds and prosodic features by using the theoretical constructs learnt
- Discriminate, with reasoned arguments, between grammatical and ungrammatical sentence constructions
- Differentiate the key English sounds and prosodic features in their listening and speech

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	30
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100