



## ESL 0281

**Division:** Humanities

**Department:** ESL

**Course:** ESL 0281

**Title:** Level 1 Grammar

**Catalog Description:**

This course is designed to give students a foundation in English grammar and vocabulary. The course will also focus on helping students improve their listening and speaking comprehension.

**General Education Requirements:** N/A

**Semesters Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall 1, Fall 2, Spring 1, Spring 2

**Credit/Time Requirement:** Credit: 1; Lecture: 3; Lab: 0

**Clock/Hour Requirements:** 0

**Offered for Non-Credit:** No

**Prerequisites:** Placement in ESL 0281 through the department's English Placement Exam.

**Justification:**

The ESL Department at Snow College houses the intensive ESL program. The four level program provides instruction for students at Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4 (elementary through exiting levels). This course is a core course for Level 1. It introduces students to the type of listening they must do in order to be successful in Level 3 of ESL. It is a prerequisite for entry into Levels 2, 3, and 4 at Snow College.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- demonstrate improvement in their understanding of and use of specific English grammatical structures taught in the course through performance, discrete point exams, and written essays
- improve their ability to speak and write using the appropriate grammatical structures of English.

**Content:**

The grammatical structures addressed are:

- count/no count nouns
- present time frame
  - simple present
  - present continuous
  - present progressive
- modals
  - will
  - must
  - should

- shall
- would
- could
- phrasal verbs
- past time frame:
  - simple past
  - past continuous
- object pronouns
- some/any compounds
- comparative, superlative
- A diagnostic test is given at the beginning of the session in order to determine initial mastery. Performance on discrete point exams and performance with self generated language are two different things; nevertheless, understanding the rules and developing an ability to monitor one's work are both essential in improving written English at this level.

### **General Education Outcomes:**

1) Read effectively, constructively, and critically.

By learning the grammar of English, students will understand the written word better and be able to read effectively.

2) Write clearly, informatively, and persuasively.

Students will use the grammar points in writing short paragraphs to indicate that they can use English clearly.

3) Speak effectively in a variety of contexts.

Students will speak and practice grammar points orally so that they can use the English language better.

4) Retrieve, evaluate, interpret, and deliver information through a variety of traditional and electronic media.

Through songs, videos, and newspapers, students will see and hear how grammar works in English and be able to use grammar correctly in their communication.

### **Key Performance Indicators:**

Students will demonstrate their understanding of specific English grammatical structures taught in the course by passing discrete point exams on the structures and by completing specific guided writing assignments and exercises. In order to pass the course, students must demonstrate a B mastery of course materials. Students who earn a grade below B will be required to repeat the course.

### **Representative Text and/or Supplies:**

- Tim Harris, *Practical English*, current edition, Harcourt, Brace and Jovanovich.

**Optimum Class Size:** 10

**Maximum Class Size:** 15

**Signatures:**

I hereby submit this course syllabus:

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I hereby find this course consistent with the goals and resources of the ESL Department:

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Diane Ogden, MA, Associate Professor, Chair

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