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  Introduction
Aug 28  Phonetics

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  First Midterm
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