

ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

COURSE CODE	ENG3B04
TITLE OF THE COURSE	ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE
SEMESTER IN WHICH THE COURSE IS TO BE TAUGHT	3
NO. OF CREDITS	4
NO. OF CONTACT HOURS	90 hrs (5 hrs per week)

AIM OF THE COURSE: This course aims at preparing undergraduate students to learn how to use language with a proper knowledge of the nuances of structure and usage of English. It aims at a recapitulation of English grammar and usage that learners would have acquired at the lower levels.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

- a. To familiarize the students with the key concepts of English grammar and to use them more sensitively in their day-to-day communication needs.
- b. To help students towards a better language use through the understanding of the sentence patterns in English.
- c. To help the students develop a sense of English grammar, idioms, syntax, semantics and their usage.
- d. To develop the logical and analytical skills in the use of language for communication.
- e. To familiarize students with contemporary English usage.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A. COURSE SUMMARY

Module 1: 18 hrs

Module 2: 10 hrs

Module 3: 15 hrs

Module 4: 15 hrs

Module 5: 20 hrs

Evaluation: 12 hrs

Total: 90 hrs

B. COURSE DETAILS:

Module 1: Basic Grammatical Units:

1. Form class and Function words
2. Identifying the Grammatical labels and Functional labels of words
3. Verb in Function—Gerund , Infinitives, Participles—their uses
4. Synonyms, Antonyms, Precise Use
5. Mood and Modality
6. English Morphology – Compounding, Affixation, Inflexion, Derivation
7. Phrasal verbs and idioms

Module 2: The Sentence

1. Word order and Sentence Pattern
2. Coordination and Subordination

Module 3: Sentence Transformations: A Relook at Traditional Categories

1. Tag questions
2. Active passive
3. Direct and indirect
4. Simple, complex, Compound
5. Movement – Collocation

Module 4: Important Grammatical Concepts:

1. Time, Tenses and Aspects
2. Lexical Verbs and Auxiliary verbs: Their uses
3. Anomalous Finites
4. Subject—Verb agreement in sentences
5. Degrees of Comparison

Module 5: Practical Exercises:

1. Reorder jumbled sentences
2. Correct the given sentences according to accepted Modern usage and justify the changes made
3. Paragraph Editing (with more focus on grammatical corrections)
4. Translate a passage from Mother Tongue to English

READING LIST:

CORE TEXT: A text containing the above lessons will be made available

FURTHER READING:

Gleason, H. A. *Linguistics and English Grammar*. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Inc. 1965.

Leach, Geoffrey & Ian Savaitvik. *A Communicative Grammar of English*. ELBS.

Murphy, Raymond. *English Grammar*. Cambridge University Press, 2005

Quirk R. & Sidney Greenbaum. *A University Grammar of English*. ELBS.

Swan, Michael. *Practical English Usage*. Oxford University Press, 2005.

Thomson, A. J. and Martinet. *A Practical English Grammar Combined Exercises Vol. 1 & 2*. . Oxford University Press.

Quirk, Randolph. *The Use of English*. Longman, 1968.

Sailaja, Pingali. *Indian English*. Edinburgh University Press, 2009.