



GRAMMAR IN BUSINESS SYLLABUS

Objective:

The Grammar in Business Course is designed to enhance students' abilities in English as a foreign language. It does this by blending practical classroom advice about English grammar with an in-depth survey of the most important grammatical structures of the language, from morphemes, to word classes, to phrases, to sentence structures and beyond. All this is done through the use of business texts, which will work as springboards not only to develop students' knowledge of grammar, but also to engage them in relevant discussions mocking their professional life. Attention is paid to the way grammatical structure encodes meaning, and the implications of this for language learning. Course participants are guided to develop their critical and analytic skills when faced with grammatical structures which seem difficult to be learned.

Content:

Some of the topics covered throughout the course are:

- ✓ The capacity to look at any English sentence or text and be able to visualize its internal organization.
- ✓ The ability to explain in plain language the internal relationships between the constituents of an English sentence.
- ✓ A broad familiarity with the main terminology used in various types of English grammar traditions. The principle is that this knowledge is a tool for student research and referencing purposes rather than direct classroom presentation.
- ✓ A wide variety of grammar topics, such as verb tenses; prepositions; the concepts of phrase-clause-sentence; discourse markers; conditionals; modal auxiliary verbs; articles; adverbials; and others will be addressed during the course.

Evaluation:

Final grade will be based on a final exam. Minimum passing grade is 65.

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