J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 45

Credits: 3

Course Title: Applied Grammar 4

Course Description: Provides instruction and practice in the use of high intermediate and advanced academic English grammar structures, including advanced verb forms, clauses, determiners, and prepositions. Helps ESL students assess their own knowledge of English grammar, improve accuracy, and learn methods to improve editing. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Prerequisite: ESL 41 or approval by the ESL program coordinator. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course is designed to help students improve their college-level writing skills and become more accurate and efficient writers through the review of advanced verb forms, clauses, word classes, determiners, and prepositions. It is also designed to help ESL students learn to assess their own error patterns and to improve their editing skills so that they can be more successful in their advanced ESL writing courses or in their college-level courses.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: ESL 41 or approval by the ESL program coordinator

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students will be able to

- a. Assess their own error patterns; and
- b. Identify strategies to edit successfully their written work.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Advanced verb forms
- b. Phrasal verbs
- c. Clause structures
- d. Word class distinctions
- e. Determiners
- f. Prepositions
- g. Punctuation

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