

### **English 3500.001**

Although this course is titled "Practical English Grammar," the study of grammar is both theoretical and practical. The general aim is to analyze English grammar so that its complexities can be taught to others. The class identifies structures that constitute well-formed English sentences, systematizing rules that students probably follow without even realizing it. The class distinguishes between rules for formal written English and those for informal spoken varieties and considers the role of the speech community in determining the forms that people use. To describe grammatical structures, the course relies on the Reed-Kellogg system of diagramming sentences, originally devised in the late nineteenth century. Although other methods have been popularized since then, the practical side of using Reed-Kellogg is that it is still used to teach grammar in elementary schools today.

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