English 3501: Modern English Grammar (WEB)

In this course we will learn about the English language *structurally* – with a focus on grammatical constructions, morphology, and words. We will consider different Englishes and how English grammar varies within and across communities. Our approach will be descriptive (how grammar *is* used) rather than prescriptive (how we think it *should* be used), and we will discuss the importance of context and genre (e.g., standard and academic varieties of English). Students in this class will analyze a variety of syntactic structures and be able to identify common learner errors, differences in dialects and varieties, and hypercorrections. Students will be able to effectively use metalanguage to describe and analyze English grammar, and course work will include active reflection on and analysis of language in use through work with linguistic corpora.

Tentative Required Textbook:

Klammer, T. P., Schulz, M. R., & Della Volpe, A. (2013). *Analyzing English Grammar, 7th edition.* ISBN 978-0-205-25252-7

Additional readings will be assigned and made available through Canvas