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### **ENGL 3501: Modern English Grammar Course Description**

In this class we will examine the structure of the English language with a focus on syntax, morphology, and the lexicon. We will consider different Englishes and how English grammar varies within and across communities. Our approach will be primarily descriptive (i.e. focused on how grammar is used, not how it should be used), but we will also discuss grammar in relation to context and the peculiarities of standard and academic language. 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.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

In this course you will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the different aspects of English grammar.
- Collect and analyze language data.
- Identify phrase structures and diagram sentences.
- Compare and contrast different grammatical structures in English.
- Discuss concepts related to the use of academic language.