

Universidad de Costa Rica
School of Modern Languages
BA in English, BA in Teaching English
Section: II to IV

Name: English Grammar I	Requisite: LM 1002
Code: LM-0352	Co-requisite: None
Credits: 2	Cycle: III
Weekly commitment: 3 hours in-class work 3 hours out-of-class work	Type: Mixed
Level: Second year	Modality: 100% in-person instruction

I. Course description

English Grammar I is the first grammar course in the BA in English and BA in English Teaching majors. It is aimed for students at an intermediate level of English proficiency. In this course, the students will have the opportunity to develop their language skills by studying how different combinations of words and other language units work. In this way, students are expected to apply this knowledge to communicate more accurately and effectively in a variety of academic and everyday contexts. Students will study the parts of speech. In addition, the English verb system will also be studied in detail. Phrases, clauses, and types of sentences, both based on function and structure, will be an important component of this course. *Mediación Virtual* will be used as a course repository.

II. Objectives

General objective

At the end of this course, students will have developed the ability to use basic grammatical structures accurately, meaningfully, and appropriately.

Specific objectives

Students will be able to:

1. identify basic parts of speech
2. identify basic types of clauses
3. produce simple and compound sentences
4. identify countable, uncountable, and collective nouns
5. use the rules of subject-verb agreement and their exceptions
6. use the different kinds of pronouns appropriately
7. produce sentences in different verb tenses
8. produce sentences using transitive, intransitive, and linking verbs
9. produce sentences with tag questions

III. Contents

1- The lexical categories

- 1.1. Nouns (proper/common; abstract/concrete; with regular/irregular plural forms; mass/countable, collective, compound)
- 1.2. Pronouns (personal, possessive, reflexive, reciprocal, indefinite, demonstrative, interrogative, and relative)
- 1.3. Verbs (main/auxiliary; regular/irregular; dynamic/stative; infinitives/gerunds/participles; linking/intransitive/transitive/ditransitive)
- 1.4. Conjunctions (simple and compound)
- 1.5. Adjectives
- 1.6. Adverbs
- 1.7. Prepositions
- 1.8. Interjections

2- Determiners

- 2.1. The indefinite and the definite article
- 2.2. Quantifiers
- 2.3. Demonstratives
- 2.4. Possessives

3- Types of phrases: noun, adjective, adverb, verb, prepositional

4- The notions of subject (simple, compound, and complex), predicate (simple, compound, and complex), fragment (FRAG), and sentence

5- The types of sentences

- 5.1. According to meaning (declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, and imperative)
- 5.2. According to dependence (independent and dependent—subordinate—clauses)
- 5.3. According to structure (simple and compound)
- 5.4. According to the properties of their main verb (sentences with intransitive, transitive, ditransitive, and linking verbs)

6- Subject-verb agreement rules

7- The grammatical functions of subject, object (direct, indirect, and of a preposition, infinitive, gerund, and participle), prepositional complement, subject complement, object complement, appositive, and adjunct

8- Simple, continuous, perfect, and perfect continuous verb tenses

9- Tag questions

10- Troublesome verbs

IV. Methodology

Instruction will be 100% in-person. Nevertheless, UCR's official platform, *Mediación Virtual*, will be used as a course repository to which the instructor will upload handouts, presentations, and other course-related material. *Mediación Virtual* might also be used for the students to upload their group projects. The students are expected to attend all classes punctually and to complete their readings and assignments before each session. Class activities will include lectures, discussions, practice, formative quizzes, written and oral exercises, etc.

V. Evaluation

Quizzes (minimum 3)	30%
Exam I	30%
Exam II	30%
Group project	10%

All quizzes and exams will be in-person, on-campus evaluations.

Every student is subject to comply with the evaluation procedures established by the University of Costa Rica in its regulations www.cu.ucr.ac.cr This includes, but is not limited to, valid justifications for missing deadlines, quizzes, and exams.

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VII. Other Resources

Additional material provided by the instructor

VIII. Tentative Timetable

PART I	
Week 1 August 12-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductions (course, students, and instructor) ● Definition of grammar, morphology, syntax, and semantics ● The lexical categories
Week 2 August 19-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nouns: definition, types, and morphological properties ● Pronouns
Week 3 August 26-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pronouns ● S-V agreement rules
Week 4 September 02-06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quiz #1 ● Determiners (The articles)
Week 5 September 09-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Determiners (Quantifiers, demonstratives, and possessives)
Week 6 September 16-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sentence structure: subject, predicate, objects, and subject complement ● Types of phrases
Week 7 September 23-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quiz #2 ● Types of phrases

Week 8 September 30 - October 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbs: definition; types (main/auxiliary; stative/dynamic); morphological properties (number, person, tense); voice; mood; and verbal forms (infinitives, participles, and gerunds) Students will receive project guidelines.
Week 9 October 07-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam I (during class time)
PART II	
Week 10 October 14-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbs (linking, intransitive, transitive, and ditransitive)
Week 11 October 21-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbs (tenses)
Week 12 October 28 - November 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quiz #3 Verbs (tenses)
Week 13 November 04-08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Types of sentences according to function or meaning (declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, and imperative) Types of sentences according to dependence (dependent and independent)
Week 14 November 11-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination Types of sentences according to structure Students submit group project.
Week 15 November 18-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Troublesome verbs Tag questions
Week 16 November 25-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam II (during class time)
December 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final grades
December 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ampliación exam (during class time)