

Grammar I

Type of course: BA.AA.KSP1 (*Basismodul Sprachpraxis*)
 Time: Monday 10-12 a.m. and Thursday 10-11 a.m.
 Venue: Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3, SR 226 (Mon) & SR 318 (Thu)
 Workload: 5 ECTS



Course description

This course is dedicated to the analysis and practice of some key structures of the grammar of Present-Day English, such as tense-aspect-mood constructions, indirect speech, conditional clauses, participial, gerundial and infinitival constructions and the grammar of nouns and adjectives (nominal number, concord, comparison, adjectives versus adverbs). These structures constitute particularly well-known trouble spots for German learners of English and hence also the 'bread and butter' of the professional lives of future teachers of English. Throughout the course, due attention will thus be paid to understanding how these structures work, what their specific communicative functions are and why apparent exceptions to general patterns are often well-motivated and systematic. By the end of the course, students are expected to be able to use the relevant constructions in a differentiated and situationally adequate way and to explain their structural choices.

Requirements and marking system

- Thorough preparation of each session (obligatory homework package for each session)
- Active class participation
- Midterm exam (You have to take the exam, but it **won't** be part of your mark for this course.)
- Final exam (pass mark = 70%)

Organisational issues

For your convenience, the basic materials for the course have been assembled into a **reader**, which can be obtained from the **copy shop in Schlossgasse**. The general procedure will be such that you prepare particular sections of the reader **in advance of each session**, so that we can then devote our time to discussing particularly challenging points and problems that you encountered during your preparation. Therefore, **the bulk of the work for this course is done at home** rather than in class. You should allow for **at least 4 hours each week** for this!

Something absolutely essential to the successful completion of the course is **continuous studying**: Don't procrastinate (i.e. don't skip or postpone topics), keep revising previous topics and keep the final exam in mind from early on. More generally, it can also be really instructive to watch out for the grammatical structures in **real-life contexts**, e.g. when watching films and TV shows, while reading your favourite English books and when interacting with native speakers.

The course management system

The course management system for this course is **WORDWISE** (www.wordwise.uni-jena.de). It will be used for disseminating additional **materials** and **information**. Therefore, please enrol into this course on WORDWISE (the password was announced in class) and **make sure your email address on WORDWISE is valid and that you check it regularly!**

Course programme (syllabus)

DATE	TOPIC	DETAILS
1 08.04.19	Tense and aspect (I): Simple present versus progressive	Introduction to the course: Goals, requirements, organisation.
11.04.19		Introduction to tense and aspect.
2 15.04.19		Basic functions of simple and progressive aspect in the present tense. Problem areas: Verbs of perception and cognition; <i>be</i> , annoying habits, attitudes and emotions.
18.04.19	Tense and aspect (II): Past tense and Present Perfect	Introduction to the problem.
3 (22.04.18) 25.04.19		Different ways of referring to past events. Aspect in the Past tense.
4 30.04.19		Aspect in the Present Perfect. Temporal adverbial clauses with <i>since</i> . Past Perfect. Irregular verbs.
02.05.19	Tense and aspect (III): Future time	Inventory of future constructions and their usage contexts.
5 06.05.19		Temporal clauses. Complex exercises.
09.05.19	Indirect speech	Indirect statements: Backshift/deictic adjustments. Indirect questions: Word order. Complementation patterns of utterance verbs. Consolidation and practice exam.
6 13.05.19	Modality	English modal verbs and basic semantic distinctions: Epistemic, deontic and subject-oriented modality.
7 20.05.19		Problem areas: Past ability, <i>must/have to</i> , <i>mustn't/needn't</i> , <i>had better</i> .
23.05.19		Equivalents of German <i>sollen</i> . Complex revision and practice.
8 27.05.19	Word order	Basic patterns: SVO, order of different objects, object complements.
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9 03.06.19	Conditional constructions	Problem areas: Objects in phrasal verbs, inversion, cleft sentences.
06.06.19		Basic patterns of conditionality and some variations on them. Special points: <i>unless</i> , <i>in case</i> .
10 (10.06.19)	Midterm exam	Wrap-up conditionals (<i>I wish</i> , <i>if only</i>)
13.06.19		
11 17.06.19	Complex modifiers: Participles	Participial clauses as adverbial modifiers. Misrelated participles.
20.06.19		Lexicalised versus expanded participles as noun modifiers. Participles as subject and object complements. Equivalents of German <i>etwas machen lassen</i> .
12 24.06.19	Nouns: Number	Gerundial and infinitival complements of verbs, prepositional verbs, nouns and adjectives.
27.06.19		Special plural forms (irregular plurals, foreign plurals, plurale tantum). Count and mass nouns. Collective nouns and number concord.
27.06.19	Adjectives	Overview of problem areas. Adjective position. Comparison. Nominal uses of adjectives. Adjectives versus adverbs.
13 01.07.19	Exam week	Complex revision.
03.07.19		Final exam: WED, 3/7/19, 18-20h , venue TBA
04.07.19		No class.
14 08.07.19	Post-exam week	Return and discussion of the exam
11.07.19		Wrap-up of the course