

**The University of Calgary**  
**Fall 2012**

**LINGUISTICS 321: MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR**

**Time:** TR 12:30-14:00  
**Room:** MS 217  
**Instructor:** Dr. A. Pounder  
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**Office Hours:** W 13:00-14:00 or by appointment  
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**Course Description:** In this course, students will learn to recognize categories and the sentence structures they appear in, to analyze sentences, and to identify violations of grammatical norms (i.e. “grammar mistakes”) in modern standard English. We will relate the latter to non-standard English and informal registers, as well as briefly to language change and language standardization. Students will acquire traditional grammar terminology as well as terminology and analysis techniques based on current syntactic theory. They will have a good understanding of how English grammar works, and will have increased confidence in writing and speaking. Their knowledge will be applicable in linguistics courses and to the study of other languages besides English.

**Course Text (required):** van Gelderen, Elly. 2010 (second edition). *An Introduction to the Grammar of English*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.

**Prerequisite:** none

**Course Requirements:**

Assignments (4)	30%	(#1 @ 6%; #2-4 @ 8%)
Midterm Examination	30%	
Final Examination	40%	
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The final examination will be scheduled by the Registrar’s Office during the Examinations Period.

**Deadlines and Absences:**

**Examinations:** There is no possibility of a make-up midterm examination. At the instructor’s discretion, students who miss the test may have the weighting normally assigned to that item transferred to the final exam if they produce a valid excuse supported by appropriate documentation (valid excuses are: illness, domestic affliction, birth, and marriage). Unexcused absence will result in a mark of zero.

**Assignments:** All assignments are to be handed in on the designated due date. Late assignments will not be accepted without valid excuse as above, and will not be accepted after the hand-back date in any case. Should a valid excuse (such as illness) prevent the student from

handing in an assignment before this date, the weighting of the other assignments will be adjusted in consequence.

**Grading Scheme:**

A+	95-100	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+	55-59
A	90-94	B	73-76	C	63-66	D	50-54
A-	80-89	B-	70-72	C-	60-62	F	<50

**Undergraduate Advisor:** Dr. R. Murray      SS 824/ 220-8109  
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## **Tentative Schedule**

### **Textbook Chapters**

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| 1. Introduction | Week 1   |
| 2. Categories   | Week 1,2 |
| 3. Phrases      | Week 2   |

### **Assignment 1: September 27th**

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| 4. Functions in the Sentence                    | Week 3 |
| 5. More Functions of Prepositions and Particles | Week 4 |
| 6. The Structure of the Verb Group              | Week 5 |

### **Assignment 2: October 18th**

### **Midterm Examination: October 23rd**

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| 7. Finite Clauses     | Week 6 |
| 8. Non-Finite Clauses | Week 7 |

### **Assignment 3: November 8th**

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| 9. Phrase Structure II                                | Week 8     |
| 10. Clauses within Noun Phrases and Adjective Phrases | Week 9     |
| 11. Special Sentences                                 | Week 10,11 |

### **Assignment 4: November 29th**

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| Norms and Registers      | Week 12 |
| Consolidation and Review | Week 13 |

## **GENERAL COURSE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS**

### **LINGUISTICS STUDENT ADVISING**

For any questions regarding the undergraduate or graduate program in linguistics, the organization of your program, or the selection of courses, contact the appropriate advisor as follows:

Undergraduate Advisor      Dr Robert Murray      SS 824      403-220-8109

[lingadv@ucalgary.ca](mailto:lingadv@ucalgary.ca)

Graduate Program Director      Dr Susanne Carroll      SS 830      403-220-5492

[linggrad@ucalgary.ca](mailto:linggrad@ucalgary.ca)

### **FACULTY of ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING and STUDENT INFORMATION**

The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance that they require. The PIC is located in the Social Sciences Building, please contact them by phone 403-220-3580 for their current office location, or email [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca), or visit the website <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate>.

For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (SSC). Degree advisors assist undergraduate students in planning their overall degree programs along with providing broad educational planning, learning support, assistance with academic difficulties, academic program guidance, writing support, success seminars and peer support. The SSC is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library, or you can contact them on 403-220-5881, by email [success@ucalgary.ca](mailto:success@ucalgary.ca), or visit their website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/>.

For registration issues, contact Enrolment Services who will also be able to help you with questions about fee payments, awards, financial aid, admissions questions, visiting and exchange students, open studies, transcripts, deferred exams. Enrolment Services are in the MacKimmie Library Block, Room 117, or you can contact them on 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit their website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/>.

### **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. **You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.**

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACT (FOIP)**

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act was enacted by the Alberta Legislature on June 1, 1994. The Act is intended first of all to allow any person the right of access to the records in the custody and under the control of a public body although this right is subject to limited and specific exceptions. The Act also includes a strong right to privacy component, allowing individuals to control the manner in which a public body collects personal information, to control the use that a public body may make of the information, and to control the disclosure of that information by a public body. It also allows individuals the right of access to personal information about themselves held by a public body and the right to request corrections to that information.

For more information on FOIP, please visit the website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/>, or contact Jo-Anne Munn Gafuik at 403-220-3602 or by email [munnngafu@ucalgary.ca](mailto:munnngafu@ucalgary.ca)

### **PLAGIARISM AND ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course, when, in fact, it is not. Most commonly plagiarism exists when:

1. the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);
2. parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author,;
3. the whole work (e.g. an essay) is copied from another source; and/or

4. a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Students are often encouraged to work together in preparing homework assignments, but check with your instructor beforehand. However, unless noted otherwise in writing, students must write up their own answers for submission of the assignment. Failure to do so constitutes plagiarism.

Plagiarism is an extremely serious academic offence. Possible penalties for plagiarism include: failing the assignment, failing the course, disciplinary probation, suspension, or expulsion. Any student who voluntarily and consciously aids another student in the commission of plagiarism is also guilty of academic misconduct.

For more information on academic misconduct and related UofC regulations please consult the Student Misconduct web pages in the on-line University Calendar. These can be found at

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND ASSEMBLY POINTS**

The University of Calgary is committed to creating a safe and healthy living and learning environment. The health and safety of our employees, students and the general public are the highest priority of the University of Calgary's Emergency Management Program. During times of emergency, Assembly Points have been identified across campus. These areas have been selected as they are large enough to hold a significant number of people and will provide an evacuated population access to washroom facilities and protection from the elements. Assembly points are also designed to establish a location for information updates:

- from the emergency responders to the evacuees; and
- from the evacuated population to the emergency responders.

Please familiarize yourself with the following:

Emergency Assembly Points: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Emergency Instructions: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/node/28>

### **SAFEWALK INFORMATION**

Twenty four hours a day and seven days a week, Safewalk volunteers walk people safely to their destination on campus. This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors. Requesting Safewalk volunteers to walk with you is easy:

- Call 403-220-5333 (24 hours a day/seven days a week, 365 days a year)
- Use the Help Phones (they are not just for emergencies)
- Approach an on-duty Safewalker and request a walk

For more information, contact the Safewalk main office at 403-220-4750, by email [safewalk@ucalgary.ca](mailto:safewalk@ucalgary.ca) or visit their website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION**

The Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) in partnership with the University of Calgary offers students a key advocacy resource to assist in addressing concerns and issues they encounter at the University with the Student Ombuds Office.

For students in undergraduate programs, please contact the Student's Union in the MacEwan Student Centre, Room MSC 251, on 403-220-6551, by email [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca), or visit their website <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>

For students in graduate programs, please contact the GSA in the MacEwan Student Centre, Room MSC 350, on 403-220-5997, by email [ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca](mailto:ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca) or visit their website <http://gsa.ucalgary.ca/>

The Student Ombuds Office is in the Administration Building, Room A166, or you can contact them on 403-220-6420, by email [ombuds@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ombuds@ucalgary.ca) or visit their website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>