

ENGLISH 442/542: MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR

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This course will concentrate on the inherent grammatical structures of modern American English. Although some incidental attention will be paid to traditional grammar, the primary focus will be on the new structural and transformational-generative grammars which have developed out of twentieth-century linguistic studies, and the practical implications of such research for readers, writers, and teachers. Lectures and readings will provide a general linguistic context, but the staple of the course will be a day-to-day study of the basic components of modern English grammar. In short, this is a course in how modern American English works, not a course in how to speak and write properly; it is descriptive, not prescriptive.

Students may expect to write two short papers or one longer paper and to take several unit tests and a final examination.

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