Subject Code	ENGL540				
Subject Title	Analytical Perspectives in English Grammar				
Credit Value	3				
Level	5				
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	N/A				
Objectives	This subject encourages students to consider the nature of English grammar through critical analysis of its key traditional concepts and terms. Students are also helped to understand the limitations of traditional grammar and the importance of functional analysis, particularly at the level of discourse. Students explore applications of grammar, including the role of grammar in the creation of registers and genres. Grammar here is viewed as part of a larger language system encompassing meaning and discourse. In this respect, the subject has clear affinities with other subjects that focus on semantics, lexis and discourse.				
Intended Learning Outcomes	 Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. analyse key areas of English grammar (tense, aspect, modality, transitivity and voice) using traditional categories and labels; b. distinguish between descriptive, prescriptive and pedagogical grammars; c. understand the roles played by grammatical phenomena in making text cohesive and coherent; d. distinguish among the grammatical features that help to create particular registers; e. evaluate the capacities of traditional and functional grammar to describe text construction; f. use learner language as feedback on how grammar is learned. 				
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	 Students will explore these areas: descriptive versus prescriptive approaches to grammar the teaching and learning of grammar open and closed word classes and their functions phrase types and their functions tense and aspect modality clause structure grammatical features of different registers 				

Teaching/Learning Methodology	The subject will utilize lecture inputs and develop research skills to help students unpick the complex role of grammar in communication and how it is realised within the broad and systematic framework of meaning and discourse.								
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed						
			a	b	c	d	e	f	
	1. Grammar Analysis Task	25%	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	2. Term Paper	40%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark				
	3. Quiz	35%				\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Total	100%							
	Assessment is both for and of learning. The term paper requires student to perform research of their own, and the quiz and grammar analysis task provide opportunities to explore and demonstrate understanding of the course topics in greater detail.								
Student Study Effort Required	Class contact:								
	Lecture					39 Hrs.			
	Seminar					0 Hrs.			
	Other student study effort:								
	Preparing for seminar presentations by studying teacher-provided materials					50 Hrs.			
	Other private study					31 Hrs.			
	Total student study effort					120 Hrs.			
Reading List and	Recommended Readings								
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Further reading
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