

Syllabus for
WRT/ELL 304 Structure of Modern English
3 Credit Hours
Fall 2022

Coronavirus: All faculty members and students are expected to be face-to-face in the classroom except under conditions provided in the ORU Coronavirus Response Plan, which can be found at <https://oru.edu/campus-health/>.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the structure of modern English through the analysis of conventional grammar and usage. Focuses on verbs and the form and function of words, phrases, and clauses. Compares and contrasts sentence structure and language variation from both descriptive and prescriptive viewpoints. Uses a linguistics approach to the analysis and structure of English.

Honors Distinctives: In addition to the regular course work, students in the honors section complete a word analysis on the semester project excerpt and discuss their findings in the semester project report.

II. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THIS COURSE

Terminal Objectives - As a result of successfully completing this course, the student will be able to do the following:

- A. Demonstrate mastery by discussing the definitions, patterns, and description of traditional grammar and by identifying appropriate examples.
- B. Demonstrate mastery by diagramming sentences.
- C. Analyze sentences to determine the form and function of each word.
- D. Analyze a selection from literature, a speech, or other work.
- E. Apply grammatical theory to practical tasks of writing and revising sentences.
- F. Show mastery of the subject matter by discussing the relationship between the spoken language and its written form—the relationship between sound and meaning and grammar.

III. ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

This course meets degree completion requirements for the Writing program.

- A. Outcome 1 – Student integrates his or her faith into learning experience and demonstrates concepts that constitute a Christian Worldview.
- B. Outcome 2 – Student is able to think critically, analyze linguistic structures, synthesize information, and evaluate information critically.
- C. Outcome 5 – Student can write correct and effective academic papers, evaluating information and using it ethically and appropriately with correct grammar, mechanics, and presentation.

IV. UNIVERSITY OUTCOMES

This course aligns with the following University Outcomes as indicated on the last page.

- A. Personal Resilience

B Intellectual Pursuit

II. TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

Required Materials

A. Textbook

Kolln, Martha and Robert Funk. *Understanding English Grammar*. 10th ed. Boston: Pearson, 2016. ISBN-978-0-13-401418-0

B. Other Required Materials

Class materials available from <http://D2L.oru.edu>

VI. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. University Policies and Procedures

1. Students and faculty at Oral Roberts University must adhere to all laws addressing the ethical use of others' materials, whether it is in the form of print, electronic, video, multimedia, or computer software. Plagiarism and other forms of cheating involve both lying and stealing and are violations of ORU's Honor Code: "I will not cheat or plagiarize; I will do my own academic work and will not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments." Plagiarism is usually defined as copying someone else's ideas, words, or sentence structure and submitting them as one's own. Other forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to) the following:

- a. Submitting another's work as one's own or colluding with someone else and submitting that work as though it were his or hers;
- b. Failing to meet group assignment or project requirements while claiming to have done so;
- c. Failing to cite sources used in a paper;
- d. Creating results for experiments, observations, interviews, or projects that were not done;
- e. Receiving or giving unauthorized help on assignments.

By submitting an assignment in any form, the student gives permission for the assignment to be checked for plagiarism, either by submitting the work for electronic verification or by other means. Penalties for any of the above infractions may result in disciplinary action including failing the assignment or failing the course or expulsion from the University, as determined by department and University guidelines.

2. Final exams cannot be given before their scheduled times. Students need to check the final exam schedule before planning return flights or other events at the end of the semester.

3. Students are to be in compliance with University, school, and departmental policies regarding the Whole Person Assessment requirements.

- a. The penalty for not submitting electronically or for incorrectly submitting an artifact is a zero for that assignment.
- b. By submitting an assignment, the student gives permission for the assignment to be assessed electronically.

B. Department Policies and Procedures

1. **Class Assignments**

- a. Students need to come to class with the appropriate textbooks, course materials, and other supplies as designated by the professor.
 - b. Professors may refuse to accept an assignment if it has inappropriate content, does not meet the assignment's criteria (e.g., not typed, incorrectly documented), is incomplete, is suspected of plagiarism, or is turned in too late.
2. **Tardies**—Tardies are an inconvenience to the other class members and the professor, and they prevent the late student from obtaining maximum value from the class. Therefore, excessive tardies may adversely affect the semester grade. It is to the student's advantage to make sure that the professor is informed immediately following the close of the class that the student was tardy and not absent. It is not the professor's responsibility to stop the class to mark the tardy; the student is the one responsible for conveying that information immediately following that class, not at a later time.
3. **Late Work**
- a. The student is responsible for obtaining class assignments and material covered during an absence, and all work is expected to be completed as scheduled. Late work may result in a lower grade. An absence is not an excuse for turning in late work or for being unprepared with assignments for the class following the absence. Computer or printer malfunction does not constitute an excuse for late work; students should have their work prepared in time to ensure that they can get it proofread, edited, and printed prior to the instructor's due date. These responsibilities assist the student in professional development.
 - b. Any test taken late (except if the absence is administratively excused) incurs the ORU late exam fee (\$15), which must be paid before the late test can be taken.
 - c. Assignments missed because of administratively excused absences are accepted with no penalty. Generally, assignments missed from an excused absence, such as sickness or family crises, can be made up and the instructor should be notified as soon as possible to reach an agreement on due dates and possible penalties. Each instructor has his or her own late-work policy that is given to students at the beginning of a course, so a teacher may decide that work missed because of an unexcused absence cannot be made up. Instructors use their own judgment in accepting late work resulting from all other absences. In cases where absences can be anticipated, such as for non-University sponsored mission trips, the work should normally be submitted prior to the absence.
4. **Attendance**
- a. **Excused and Unexcused Absences**—Class attendance is mandatory, but because unavoidable circumstances can prevent perfect attendance, each student is allowed to miss class the number of times per week a class meets. This allowance is intended for illness, personal business, and emergency. Work missed because of an excused absence (e.g., illness, family emergency) can be made up; however, it is up to the teacher's discretion whether or not to accept work missed due to an unexcused absence (e.g., oversleeping, skipping class). Exceeding this number of absences may reduce a student's semester grade or even be cause for not receiving credit for the course if the student's grade is an F. Extended

illnesses are handled on an individual basis and require verification from a doctor.

- b. **Administratively Excused Absences**—Only absences that are required by approved University activities are given administrative excuses. Students who must miss class for University-sponsored activities must follow these procedures:
 - (1) Inform the professor before the event and make arrangement for the work to be submitted prior to the absence or at a mutually agreed upon deadline.
 - (2) Present an administrative excuse form with appropriate signatures when he or she returns to class. Doctors' or nurses' notes, or letters from groups sponsoring mission trips or activities do not qualify a student for an administratively excused absence.
 - (3) Obtain information covered during an absence. All work must be completed as scheduled.
 - (4) Not commit to class presentation (oral reports, speeches, group presentations, etc.) on a date that the student will be gone. Makeup work is not permitted if the student voluntarily committed to a performance on the date of an administratively excused absence.
5. **Plagiarism**—In addition to the information above under section V, part A ("University Policies and Procedures"), the student must adhere to the following:
 - a. Students must document all sources and ideas that are not their own original information by following correct MLA (Modern Language Association) documentation procedures. Failure to do this produces a plagiarized paper, which results in an F for the paper. Flagrant cheating results in an F for the course.
 - b. When writing an essay in another language, use of translation applications or software programs to translate more than a phrase, is considered a form of plagiarism—submitting work as if it were one's own—and
 - c. Students may be asked to submit their assignments to the D2L dropbox for plagiarism detection.
6. **Incompletes**—As stated in the University catalog, incompletes are granted only for "good cause," such as extended hospitalization, long-term illness, or a death in the family. Students must petition for an incomplete using the form available in the School of Liberal Arts. Very few incompletes are granted.
7. **Whole Person Assessment**—If this course requires a WPA assignment, it is listed in the next section ("Course Policies and Procedures"). Students need to comply as indicated in this syllabus and/or by the instructor.

C. Course Policies and Procedures

1. **Evaluation Procedures**

The final grade is based on the following requirements:

- a. assignments, quizzes, exams, attendance and participation in class and other assigned activities.
- b. a course project—Each student chooses a passage from a literary work or another field (depending on his or her major) to analyze.
- c. Students enrolled in the honors section need to complete additional work on their semester projects.
- d. Points are deducted for work turned in late.

- e. The following scale is used for points accumulated:
 - A=90-100%
 - B=80-89%
 - C=70-79%
 - D=60-69%
 - F=below 60%
 - g. **Extra Credit**—Students should not expect extra credit to help raise a grade.
2. **Whole Person Assessment Requirement**
- a. The semester project report (excluding the appendices) addresses the EML Department’s Writing program outcome #2, **Mastering Linguistic Theory, Application, and Critical Thinking**.
 - b. Students majoring in writing or English education must upload this project to the dropbox folder on D2L corresponding to his or her program:
 - (1) Writing/Literature concentration: *WPA-WPT-LITC-Semester Project*
 - (2) Writing/Journalism concentration: *WPA-WPT-JRC-Semester Project*.
 - c. Artifacts not submitted electronically or incorrectly submitted receive a zero for that assignment.
3. **Class Assignments**
- Students need to come to class with the appropriate textbooks, course materials from Desire2Learn, and other supplies.
- a. Because of the quantity of the material for this course is significant, students need to keep up with the assignments (especially the semester project assignments).
 - b. Chapter exercises need to be answered on notebook paper. Exercises must be labeled by their chapter and exercise number, not page number. Points are given for turning in completed chapter exercises.
4. **Faculty Contact**
- Students need to keep in contact with the professor, especially if they are absent or if some problem arises. Office hours and contact information are provided on the professor’s door and on <http://d2l.oru.edu>.

VII. COURSE CALENDAR

A more detailed calendar is available on D2L.

Wk	Topic	Assignment Due	Textbook Chapters
1	Introduction/ overview	Language issues	1-2
2-4	Sentence patterns	Study chapter 3	2-3
5	Transformations	Study chapter 5, tests on chapters 2-4	4
6-7	Verbs	Study chapter 4	5
8-9	Adverbials	Study chapter 6, test on chapters 5-8	6-8
10-11	Adjectivals	Study chapter 7	9-12

	Relative Pronouns		
12-13	Nominals	Study chapter 8, tests on 9-16	12-16
14-16	Sem. Project	Textual analysis, final exam preparation	

Primary Program: B.A. Writing
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This course contributes to the ORU student learning outcomes as indicated below:

Significant Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly and includes targeted assessment.

Moderate Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly or indirectly and includes some assessment.

Minimal Contribution – Addresses the outcome indirectly and includes little or no assessment.

OUTCOMES	Significant Contribution	Moderate Contribution	Minimal Contribution
Spiritual Integrity			

Personal Resilience			
Outcome 1 – Student integrates his or her faith into learning experiences and demonstrates concepts that constitute a Christian Worldview.			X

Intellectual Pursuit			
Outcome 2 – Student is able to think critically, analyze linguistic structures, synthesize information, and evaluate information critically.	X		
Outcome 5– Student can write correct and effective academic papers, evaluating information and using it ethically and appropriately with correct grammar, mechanics, and presentation		X	

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