Bergen Community College
Division of Humanities
Department of ESL and World Languages

Course Syllabus

ALP-061 & ALP-062: American Language III: Grammar A & B

Semester and year:
Course and Section Number: (e.g. ALP-061-062-xxx)
Meeting Times and Locations:
Instructor:
Office Location:
Phone:
Departmental Secretary: (optional)
Office Hours:
E-mail Address:

Course Description

ALP-061 & ALP-062 American Language III: Grammar A & B is a two-part course in English grammar for advanced English language learners. This course includes the study of linguistic structures needed for college-level reading, writing, speaking and listening. The course completes the study of English sentence structure and correct verb usage.

ALP-061 (Grammar A):
Co-requisite: ALP-062
Pre-requisite: ALP-051/052
Pre- or Co-requisites: ALP-053; ALP-054

ALP-062 (Grammar B):
Co-requisite: ALP-061
Pre-requisite: ALP-051/052
Pre- or Co-requisites: ALP-053; ALP-054

Course Texts and/or Other Study Materials:


Student Learning Outcomes:

As a result of meeting the requirements in this course students will be able to:
• Demonstrate their competency in using the following grammatical forms in academic discourse: adverb, adjective and noun clauses; passive voice, modals in past forms, gerunds and infinitives; connectives; verb tenses
• Use appropriate grammatical structures to express opinions, arguments, and reasons
• Apply their knowledge of advanced structures of English in paragraph, essays and personal journals.

Means of Assessment: To determine whether they have achieved the course goals, teachers will evaluate:
• Quizzes, and tests,
• Written journals, paragraph and/or essay
• Participation in speaking exercises in pair and group work, and class discussions

Course Content

This course reviews intermediate level grammar and introduces structures that students need for reading, writing, speaking and listening at an advanced level of English. Instructors may teach these structures as they find appropriate. However, sentence and paragraph writing should be used when possible.

Adverbial Clauses
  Time, cause/effect, contrast, condition
  Reducing adverb clauses to phrases

Adjective Clauses
  who, whom, that, which, whose, where, when
  Restrictive and non-restrictive
  Reducing adjective clauses to phrases

Noun Clauses
  Noun Clauses
  Direct & Reported Speech

Verb Tenses used in academic discourse

Passive
  Functions in academic discourse; mostly simple present and simple past tenses

Gerunds & Infinitives
  Expanded Verb List
  Expressions that use Gerunds and Infinitives

Modals & Modal Expressions
  Modals in past time
  Passive modals

Special Features of the Course (if any) [to be designated by the instructor]
E.g. the use of learning technologies in the course (Internet, PowerPoint, Moodle, etc.)

**Grading Policy** (to be designated by the instructor)

A student’s final grade for the course is based primarily on his/her performance on the required work for the course (homework, writing assignments, tests), class participation, group work and on his/her overall mastery of the material covered in the course. *Sample Evaluation Plan:*

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<td>Homework and Class participation</td>
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<td>Chapter Tests</td>
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**Grade Breakdown:**

- **A** 90-100
- **B+** 86-89
- **B** 80-85
- **C+** 76-79
- **C** 70-75
- **D** 65-69
- **F** 64-below

**Attendance Policy:** (to be designated by the instructor) Sample:

Students are expected to attend class regularly and punctually. Attendance will be taken at each class session. If students occasionally arrive late, they should enter quietly, and not disturb the class. If students miss class, they should find out what they missed. It is probably a good idea for students to exchange telephone numbers with other students as a way to find out about missed classes.

Poor attendance will affect a student’s grade. If a student’s absence exceeds one and a half times the number of weekly meetings, the student’s grade will be lowered by one full letter grade. If a student is absent excessively, the student can expect to fail the course. Lateness counts, too. Two late arrivals will equal one absence.

**Statement on Accommodations for Disabilities**

Bergen Community College aims to create inclusive learning environments where all students have maximum opportunities for success. Any student who feels he or she may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the Office of Specialized Services at 201-612-5269 or via email at ossinfo@bergen.edu for assistance.

**Student and Faculty Support Services**

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<td>ELRC (English Language Resource Center)</td>
<td>Room E-156</td>
<td>201-612-5292</td>
<td><a href="http://www.bergen.edu/elrc">http://www.bergen.edu/elrc</a></td>
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**Sample Course Outline & Calendar** (to be designated by the instructor)
**Note to Students:** The following Course Outline and Calendar is tentative and subject to change, depending upon the progress of the class

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<td>Review – Time and Tenses: Present, Past, Future; Adverbial of Time</td>
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<td>Verb Tenses Used in Academic Discourse: Simple Present, simple past, present perfect Complex Sentence with Adverbial Clauses of Time</td>
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<td>Complex Sentences with Noun Clauses; Reporting Verbs</td>
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<td>11 &amp; 12</td>
<td>Complex sentences with Adjective clauses; reducing clauses to phrases</td>
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<td>13 &amp; 14</td>
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