UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

ALS422: DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH

Course Name (English)	DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH `APPROVED`
Course Code	ALS422

MQF Credit	3

Course Description	This is a course designed to enable students to build on and strengthen their foundation to achieve a higher level of grammatical accuracy in order to communicate effectively in professional and academic settings. The course focuses on creating awareness of grammar as a system that puts words into meaningful units. Students identify verb types, relate words, phrases and slots, explore verb and noun phrases, rearrange compound sentences, construct phrases and clauses and add modifiers to sentences in class activities rooted in contextual situations and through tree diagrams so that formal English grammar can be learnt in a more meaningful way.

Transferable Skills	- Demonstrate ability to identify and articulate self skills, knowledge and understanding confidently and in a variety of contexts (Reflective Learner) - Demonstrate ability to apply creative, imaginative and innovative thinking and ideas to problem solving (Independent and Critical Thinker) - Demonstrate ability to work professionally and contribute positively in a team (Experienced Collaborator

Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, Blended Learning, Demonstrations, Web Based Learning, Reading With Emphasis On Vocabulary, Problem Based Learning (PBL), Discussion, Presentation, Small Group Sessions , Self-directed Learning, Computer Aided Learning

CLO		
	CLO1	Build constituents and relate them to one another within hierarchical frameworks.
	CLO2	Combine simple sentences and put them together and to produce new and meaningful combinations.
	CLO3	Combine core sentences into phrases and clauses and to produce new and meaningful combinations.
	CLO4	Analyse structures and relationships within sentences.
	CLO5	Apply the knowledge of grammar to communicate effectively.

Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations

Topics

1. Nouns and Exploring noun phrases
1.1) Types of determiners and nouns

2. Identifying verb types
2.1) Intransitive Verbs (VI)
2.2) Transitive Verbs (VT)
2.3) Linking Verbs (LV)
2.4) Two-place Transitive Verbs (Vg)
2.5) Verbs with Complements (Vc)
2.6) VerbBE

3. Basic Sentence patterns using the 6 verb types and Relating words,
3.1) NP VI (Adverb)
3.2) NP VT NP:DObj
3.3) NP VL (NP: PredN)/(Adj:PredAdj)
3.4) NP Vg (NP: IObj NP:DObj)/ NP: DObj to/for NP: IObj
3.5) NP Vc NP: DObj (NP: ObjComp/Adj Ph: ObjComp/Inf:ObjComp)
3.6) NP BE NP:PredN/Adj:PredAdj/AdvPredAdv

4. Expanding verb phrases 4.1) Tense, modality and aspect
5. Rearranging and compounding 5.1) Transforming statements into negative sentences and questions 5.2) Transforming sentences in the active voice into sentences in the passive voice
6. Constructing relative clauses 6.1) Identifying and constructing relative clauses
7. Reducing relative clauses to phrases 7.1) Present and Past Participial phrases 7.2) Prepositional phrases
8. Making noun clauses, gerunds and infinitives 8.1) Subordinators 8.2) Gerund Phrases 8.3) Reducing clauses to infinitive phrases
9. Exploring grammar in context 9.1) Creating awareness of Grammar and Style

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	70.00%
Final Assessment	30.00%

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Test	Tree diagrams of noun phrases, Parts of Speech: determiners, prepositions, adjectives and nouns Theory questions on constituents Textbook : Chapters 1-4	25%	CLO1 , CLO2 , CLO3
	Test	Verbs and verb phrases: Textbook Chapters 5-7	25%	CLO1 , CLO2 , CLO3 , CLO4 , CLO5
	Written Report	Written Assignment (Reflective Paper) 20% (CO5) Chapter 10 of the textbook Chapters 1-9	20%	CLO1 , CLO2 , CLO3 , CLO4 , CLO5

Reading List	Recommended Text	• Morenberg, M. 2002, *Doing Grammar*, Ed., , New York: Oxford University Press.
	Reference Book Resources	• Carter, R. & McCarthy, M. 2006, *Cambridge grammar of English: A comprehensive*, Ed., , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [ISBN:]
		• Carter, R. & McCarthy, M. 2006, *Cambridge grammar of English: A comprehensive*, Ed., , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [ISBN:]
		• Rodby, Judith and Winteowd, W.Ross 2005, *The Uses of Grammar*
		• Disterheft, D. 2003, *Advanced grammar: A manual for students.*
		• Miller, J. 2002, *An introduction to English syntax*, Ed., , Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press [ISBN:]

Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources