

San José State University

English Department

English 103, Modern English Grammar, Spring 2026

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Class Days/Time:	MW 12:00 – 1:15 PM
Classroom:	Hugh Gillis Hall 225
Prerequisites:	Upper Division Standing

Course Format

Lecture and Workshop, In Person and Hybrid

Course Description

This course meets the California content standards for English grammar and the requirements for the Single Subject Teaching Credential. It is a survey of modern English grammar and covers phonetics, morphology, parts of speech, sentences, phrases and clauses. Students will be given linguistic tools, history and examples of modern usage sufficient to analyze English grammar on their own.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze modern English grammar
2. Identify all relevant structures that comprise the English language

Text

Text is available on CANVAS, one chapter per module.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Class is run as a lecture and workshop. Participation is required. You will be called on every class to answer questions and analyze sample exercises from the text. There will be a 20 point homework assignment associated with each Chapter (total of 12).

Grading Information

Grading will be calculated on a 500 point scale, with the traditional percentages applying for A (90-100%), B (80-90%), C (70-80%), D (65-70%) and F (less than 65%):

Homework:	240
Two Midterm Exams:	160
Final Exam	<u>100</u>
TOTAL	500

Exams are closed book. Homework must reflect your own understanding of the concepts.

Late Policy:

You are allowed one late homework for the semester.

University Policies

Relevant information to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. is available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>"

English 103 (80), Fall 2023, Course Schedule

Week (Optional)	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines <i>(If appropriate, add any extra column(s) to meet your needs.)</i>	
1	Jan 26	Introduction to the Class What is Grammar? What is Usage? What is Idiom? What is Punctuation?	
1	Jan 28	Chapter One	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
2	Feb 2	Chapter Two	
2	Feb 4	Chapter Two	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
3	Feb 9	Chapter Three	
3	Feb 11	Chapter Three	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
4	Feb 16	Chapter Four	
4	Feb 18	Chapter Four	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
5	Feb 23	Review	

Week (Optional)	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines <i>(If appropriate, add any extra column(s) to meet your needs.)</i>	
5	Feb 25	FIRST MIDTERM	
6	Mar 2	Chapter Five	
6	Mar 4	Chapter Five	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
7	Mar 9	Chapter Six	
7	Mar 11	Chapter Six	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
8	Mar 16	Chapter Seven	
8	Mar 18	Chapter Seven	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
9	Mar 23	Chapter Eight	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
9	Mar 25	SECOND MIDTERM	
10	Mar 30-Apr 5	Spring Break	
10	Apr 6	Chapter Nine	
11	Apr 8	Chapter Nine	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
11	Apr 13	Chapter Ten	
12	Apr 15	Chapter Ten	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
12	Apr 20	Chapter Eleven	
13	Apr 22	Chapter Eleven	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
13	Apr 27	Chapter Twelve	
14	Apr 29	Chapter Twelve	HOMEWORK DUE MIDNIGHT
14	May 4	Review and Literary Passages	
	May 6	Review and Literary Passages	
	May 11	Personal Day – No Meeting	

Monday, May 18, Final Exam 10:45 AM-12:45 PM