

Course Syllabus

- **Course Number and Title:** English 111, Basic Language Skills (Section: 10043)
- **Course Level:** Level one / First year
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Status:** Compulsory
- **Course Instructor:** Ali A. Alhajji
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Hours of Instruction Per Week:** 3
- **Days & Timing of Lectures:** Sat., Mon., and Wed.: 11:00-11:50 (Classroom: 1A20)
- **Office Hours:** Sat., Mon., and Wed.: 12:00-14:00 or by appointment (Office: 1A10)
- **Course Description:**

This course introduces the student to basic sentence structures. This introduction is gradual; it starts from familiarizing the student with parts of speech (such as nouns, pronouns, and verbs) to enabling him to produce grammatically acceptable sentences in the English language. Furthermore, this course is meant to give a solid background for upcoming writing/ composition courses.
- **Course Objectives:**

By the end of the semester, students should be able to use and/or produce:

 1. correct sentence structures,
 2. correct grammatical forms,
 3. and proper punctuation
- **Requirements:** a) attendance (no more than 9 absences are allowed), b) participation, c) assignments, and d) taking the midterm and final exams
- **Required Textbook:**

Faulkner, Claude W. Writing Good Sentences: A Functional Approach to Sentence Structure, Grammar, and Punctuation
- **Optional Textbooks:**
 1. Pearson Longman, Longman Advanced Learner's Dictionary
 2. Betty Schramper Azar, Fundamentals of English Grammar
- **Electronic References and Websites:**
 1. www.bbc.co.uk/skills/words/grammar
 2. www.learnenglish-a-z.com

- **Grading:**

Home Assignments:	5%
Short Quizzes:	15%
Midterm Exam:	20%
Final Exam:	60%

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Total: 100 Points

- **Grading System:**

A+: 95-100; A: 90-95; B+: 85-89; B: 80-84; C+: 75-79; C: 70-74; D+: 65-69;
D: 60-64; F: -59; DN: Not allowed to take the final exam

- **Tentative Syllabus:**

Week	Subject
Week 1 6-10/3/1431	Registration
Week 2 13-17/3/1431	Introduction: what the course is about, the meaning of language, explaining the function of subjects and verbs, introducing substantives
Week 3 20-24/3/1431	Substantives and verbs (exercises 1 & 2)
Week 4 27/3-1/4/1431	Verbs: tense, person and number, and mode (exercise 3)
Week 5 4-8/4/1431	Basic Sentence Patterns (exercises 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10) A <u>Short Quiz</u> (on Wednesday)
Week 6 11-15/4/1431	Modifiers
Week 7 18-22/4/1431	Modifiers (exercises 11 to 19) A <u>Short Quiz</u> (on Wednesday)
Week 8 25-29/4/1431	Verbals (exercises 20 to 22)
Week 9 3-7/5/1431	Mid-semester Break
Week 10 10-14/5/1431	Compounds and The Compound Predicate (exercises 23 & 24)
Week 11 17-21/5/1431	Appositives and Independent Sentence Elements (exercises 25 & 26)
Week 12 24-28/5/1431	Types of Sentences and Phrases (exercises 27 & 28)
Week 13 1-5/6/1431	Phrases (exercises 29 to 32) The <u>Mid-Term Exam</u> (on Wednesday)

Week 14 8-12/6/1431	Phrases (exercises 33 to35)
Week 15 15-19/6/1431	The Complex Sentence A <u>Short Quiz</u> (on Wednesday)
Week 16 22-26/6/1431	The Complex Sentence Revision and Discussions
Week 17 29/6-4/7/1431	General Exams
Week 18 &19 7-18/7/1431	Department Exams