ENGL 2384-003 Structure of Modern English Spring 2015

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NO required text

The final week of the semester (5-7 May) is Dead Week. No activities or meetings are planned. But be alert that if ice or snow or other problems lead to UTA closing on one of our class days, we will use Dead Week for class activity as needed.

Tues 20 Jan: 1) Inventory. Weird Al. DFW. Eighth Grade, 1912.

Tues 27 Jan: 2) general linguistics

Tues 3 Feb: 3) words, word classes, and the lexicon

Tues 10 Feb: 4) phonology

Tues 17 Feb: 5) morphology; simple sentence types

Tues 24 Feb: 6) canonical sentences

Tues 3 March: 7) nouns & noun phrases

Tues 10 March: NO CLASS MEETING (Spring Break)

Tues 17 March: 8) verbs & verb phrases

Tues 24 March: 9) modifiers & adverbials

Tues 31 March: 10) coordination & subordination

Tues 7 Apr: 11) complex sentences

Tues 14 Apr: 12) more complex sentences

Tues 21 Apr: 13) dialect: phonology

Tues 28 Apr: 14) dialect: syntax

Tues 5 May: NO CLASS MEETING (Dead Week)

Tues 12 May: FINAL EXAM, 0800-1030, regular classroom (301 PH) sample final Fall 2013 sample final Spring 2014 sample final Fall 2014 (Tuesday) sample final Fall 2014 (Thursday)

syllabus: The effective version of the syllabus is always at http://www.uta.edu/english/tim/courses/2384sp15/2384mainsp1503.html. If you are looking at a print or .pdf version, please make sure to consult the online version for updates.

grading: There will be 14 class meetings, plus a final exam. Each of the 14 class meetings will end with each student submitting a "coupon" from the packet of work for that day.

Some paper and materials will be provided, but please be sure to bring plenty of blank paper and pens or pencils, too. To get credit for a class meeting, you must attend the full three hours, participate in and lead discussion and group activities, and submit the coupon at the end of the meeting. Each coupon will be worth 1 point. The final exam will be in-class, no books, notes or electronic resources allowed. The exam will include 110 points of opportunity. Your course grade will be determined by the following matrix. Read down along the left and find your coupon points, across the top to find your final exam grade, and then find where the two lines cross (your course grade):

	≥90	**80-89**	**70-79**	**≤69**
≥12	A	B	C	D
11	B	C	D	F
10	C	D	D	F
9	D	D	F	F
≤8	F	F	F	F

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

academic integrity: Students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington's tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.
I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.
UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System Regents' Rule 50101, 2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the University.

disability policy: The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 93112—The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act – (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens. As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodation" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with

informing faculty at the beginning of the semester and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels.

Electronic Communication: UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php.

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as "lecture," "seminar," or "laboratory" shall be directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/sfs.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exits. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students

in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.