

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

ESLS 036 Academic English Grammar IV

I. Basic Course Information

A. Course Number and Title: ESLS 036 Academic English Grammar IV

B. New or Modified Course: Modified

C. Date of Proposal: Semester: Spring Year: 2020

D. Effective Term: Fall 2020

E. Sponsoring Department: Communication and Language

F. Semester Credit Hours: 3 Non-credit

G. Weekly Contact Hours: 3 Lecture: 3
 Laboratory: 0
 Out of class hours per week: 6

H. Prerequisites: ESL placement test results within the designated range or successful completion of ESLS 035.

I. Laboratory Fees: None

J. Name and Telephone Number or E-Mail Address of Department Chair and Divisional Dean at time of approval: **Bick Treut, ext. 8429, Bick.Treut@raritanval.edu; Dean Patrice Marks, ext. 8802, Patrice.Marks@raritanval.edu**

II. Catalog Description

Prerequisite: ESL placement test results within the designated range or successful completion of ESLS 035. This course presents high-intermediate-level English grammar, its structure and rules of use. Students will practice English grammar in a variety of academic contexts through controlled, communicative activities and short writings that oblige students to use the desired structures. By the end of this course, students should be able to demonstrate high- intermediate proficiency in Standard English grammar in their writing, speaking and explanation abilities. Credit for this course does not apply to credit hours earned, grade point average or graduation requirements.

III. Statement of Course Need

- A. There is a critical need for grammar training at all levels in order for ESL students at RVCC to become fluent and proficient speakers and writers of English.
- B. Please describe the transferability of this course.
 - 1. This course generally does not transfer.

IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum

- A. Free Elective
- B. Academic English Grammar IV is the fourth of a five-level academic sequence in ESL. Students who place into Academic English Grammar IV may also take an Academic English Reading and Writing course and an Academic English Speaking and Listening course (levels determined by placement test results).
- C. English as a Second Language courses are necessary for the entry into/completion of any college-level degree program.
- D. To see course transferability: a) for New Jersey schools, go to the NJ Transfer website, www.njtransfer.org; for all other colleges and universities, go to the individual websites.

V. Outline of Course Content

- A. Review 12 verb tenses
 - 1. Simple, progressive, perfect, perfect-progressive
 - 1. Present, past, future
 - 2. Use tenses together and edit for tense shift
- B. Modals
 - 1. Advisability in the present and past
 - 2. Speculations and conclusions in the present and past
- C. Passive voice
 - 1. Use and recognition of voice
 - i. Active voice use
 - ii. Passive voice use
 - 2. Static passive
- D. Conditionals
 - 1. Real
 - 2. Unreal
 - 3. Unreal Past
- E. Direct and indirect speech
 - 1. Embedded and indirect questions
 - 2. Reported speech

VI. General Education and Course Learning Outcomes

A. General Education Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Produce compositions that demonstrate high-intermediate proficiency in academic English Grammar. (GE-NJ 1)
2. Edit sentences and passages at the high-intermediate proficiency level. (GE-NJ 1)
3. Use direct and indirect speech appropriately in written communication. (GE-NJ 1)

B. Course Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Edit passages for active and passive voice, conditionals, direct and indirect speech, verb tense, and modals.

VII. Modes of Teaching and Learning

- A. lecture/discussion
- B. small-group work
- C. computer-assisted instruction
- D. student oral presentations
- E. simulation/role playing
- F. independent study

VIII. Papers, Examinations, and other Assessment Instruments

- A. Comprehension exercises: multiple choice, fill in the blank, etc.
- B. Group and individual written and oral projects
- C. Traditional exams
- D. Quizzes
- E. Formal and informal writing (both in and out of class)
- F. Editing exercises and projects
- G. Oral presentations
- H. Homework exercises
- I. Participation
- J. Computer Assisted Learning

X. Grade Determinants

- A. Exams
- B. Quizzes
- C. Homework
- D. Oral presentations
- E. Formal and Informal writing
- F. Participation

X. Texts and Materials

- A. *Focus on Grammar* or other grammar textbook(s)

- B. *Longman Basic Dictionary of American English*
- C. Newspaper and magazine articles
- D. Online grammar practice
- E. Songs
- F. Video Clips

(Please Note: The course outline is intended only as a guide to course content and resources. Do not purchase textbooks based on this outline. The RVCC Bookstore is the sole resource for the most up-to-date information about textbooks.)

XI. Resources

- A. Academic Support Center (tutoring, ESL library and ESL software)
- B. Library (ESL section)
- C. Online resources (Focus on Grammar, other grammar websites)