

**Rogue Community College Riverside Campus**  
**UNDERSTANDING ENGLISH GRAMMAR**  
**SYLLABUS**

**WR 185 Section R1**

**Fall 2009**

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**TIME:** 5 Mondays October 26-November 23 10:00 – 11:50  
**LOCATION:** HEC – 216 Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> & Bartlett

**CREDITS:** One credit

**REQUIRED TEXT:** None

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Understanding English Grammar is a one credit course designed to offer basic instruction in sentence construction and the rules of grammar and punctuation within the context of written work. Upon completion of the course, students will effectively proofread and edit their own written assignments.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Identify the basic parts of speech in a sentence.
2. Identify the elements of a complete sentence in three common types.
3. Improve knowledge of correct comma and apostrophe usage
4. Identify common sentence construction errors and determine the correction.
5. Demonstrate improvement in proofreading written assignments.
6. Develop personal strategy for proofreading written assignments

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:**

- Dictionary or electronic speller
- Lined notebook paper
- Black or blue and red pen
- Highlighter
- 10 3x5 cards

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:**

Students who believe they may need academic accommodations for a disability such as those related to vision, hearing, orthopedics, learning, psychological functioning, and/or other medical conditions should make an appointment with the Rogue Community College Disability Services office. Riverside Campus G Building Room 207  
541-245-7537

## **TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM:**

Cell phones are to be turned off and out of sight during class unless they are being used exclusively as a dictionary or thesaurus.

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Mutual honor and respect for peers and instructor are required at all times during class. A safe learning atmosphere is important for students to feel comfortable in order to learn new skills. Any infringement on the rights of others in this respect is not acceptable.
2. It is each student's responsibility to be aware of all college procedures such as the student code of responsible behavior; how to add, drop, or withdraw from a class; and student resources.
3. Cheating in this class will be grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with the *Student Rights and Responsibilities* statement. Consequences may include failure of assignment, failure of class, removal from program, and/or suspension or expulsion from school, depending on the severity of the infraction. To read the full Student Code of Conduct, go to the RCC website and look under Student Rights, Freedoms & Responsibilities.

## **CALENDAR:**

### **Class #1      October 26**

- Introduction to course
- Parts of speech
- Basic elements of a sentence

### **Class #2      November 2**

- Sentence types
- Sentence combining

### **Class #3      November 9**

- Commas
- Proofreading techniques

### **Class #4      November 16**

- Apostrophes
- Proofreading
- Parts of speech quiz
- **Homework:** Final Part I Take-Home

### **Class #5      November 23**

- Correct Final Part I Take-Home
- Final Part II In-Class Editing

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**GRADING RUBRIC**

<b>Attend &amp; participate 1 class meeting 1 points</b>	<b>Attend &amp; participate 2 class meetings 2 points</b>	<b>Attend &amp; participate 3 class meetings 3 points</b>	<b>Attend &amp; participate 4 class meetings 4 points</b>	<b>Attend &amp; participate in 5 class meetings 5 points</b>
<b>Complete 1 homework assignment 2 points</b>	<b>Complete 2 homework assignments 4 points</b>	<b>Complete 3 homework assignments 6 points</b>	<b>Extra Credit Homework Assignment 1 point</b>	<b>(Late homework assignments deducted 1 point)</b>
<b>Parts of Speech Quiz 100% Extra Credit 1 point</b>	<b>Score 70%-79% on Final 4 points</b>	<b>Score 80%-89% on Final 5 points</b>	<b>Score 90% + on Final 6 points</b>	<b>Total points earned</b>

**GRADING**

16-17 points = A

14-15 points = B

12-13 points = C

10-11 points = D

0 - 9 points = F

**EXCUSED**

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(15 minutes or less)