

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY ESL 35 – APPLIED GRAMMAR (3 CR.)

VCCS Course Description

Provides instruction and practice in the use of intermediate-level academic English grammar structures including verb tenses, parts of speech and basic sentence structure. Helps ESL students assess their own knowledge of English grammar, improve accuracy, and learn methods to improve editing. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

- To give *low-intermediate to intermediate* level ESL students the opportunity to practice and refine academic grammar skills.

Course Prerequisites and Corequisites

Prerequisite: An English placement test recommendation for ESL Level 3 or higher or successful completion of ESL 20, ESL 21, ESL 22, or ESL 24.

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- A. identify and use proper verb tenses (present, past, future);
- B. identify and use proper verb forms (simple, continuous, perfect, perfect continuous);
- C. identify and use proper parts of speech;
- D. identify parts of a sentence;
- E. identify and use proper sentence structures and types.

Major Topics to be Included

- Verb tenses
- Verb forms
- Parts of speech
- Parts of a sentence
- Basic sentence structure and types