

COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE DETAILS

Title (of the course): **GRAMÁTICA INGLESA DE CONSTRUCCIONES**
 Code: 103420
 Degree/Master: **MÁSTER UNIVERSITARIO EN ESTUDIOS INGLESES** Year: 1
AVANZADOS: LINGÜÍSTICA COGNITIVA, LITERATURA Y EDUCACIÓN B
 ECTS Credits: 4.0 Classroom hours: 16
 Face-to-face classroom percentage: 16.0% Study hours: 84
 Online platform: <http://moodle.uco.es/moodlemap/>

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PREREQUISITES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Prerequisites established in the study plan

Students are required to be competent in English at level B2.

Recommendations

Students should be competent in English at level C1.

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INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

CB6	To acquire knowledge that can act as the basis for the original development and/ or application of ideas mainly in research contexts.
CB9	To ensure that students are able to effectively communicate their conclusions and the reasons that underpin them to specialist and non-specialist audiences in a clear and unambiguous manner.
CE9	To be able to assimilate different technical approaches and to apply the main methodological techniques to a body of data in order to obtain results which result in original theoretical findings in the field of English linguistics.
CG1	To know how to identify research questions and provide answers by means of developing a research project.
CG4	To be able to understand and apply the models and advanced methods of qualitative and quantitative analysis in the area of the corresponding subject.
CT1	To know how to manage the sources of scientific information and useful resources for study and research.
CT3	Ability to obtain information, design experiments and interpret behavioral results.
CT4	To be able to write and present the results of their own research in the form of a scientific article before a specialized audience.
CT5	To act professionally respecting human rights, the principles of universal accessibility for persons with disabilities, respect for fundamental rights of equality and in accordance with the values of a culture of peace and democratic ideals.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this course are the following:

- To introduce students to linguistic theory, exploring the basic tenets of functionalist, cognitive and/or constructionist approaches.
- To analyze the relevance of constructions from a psycholinguistic point of view, exploring the implications of a construction-based approach for language processing and language acquisition.
- To explore the idea that argument structure constructions are a special subclass of constructions that provides the basic means of clausal expression in a language (Goldberg 1995).
- To explore the relationship between grammar and the lexicon, trying to account for regularities between semantico-pragmatic interpretation and morphosyntactic structure in English.

CONTENT

1. Theory contents

Introduction: Constructions within functional-cognitive space

- 1.1. The original Goldbergian definition of construction.
- 1.2. Constructions in Cognitive Grammar.
- 1.3. Why do we need constructions as distinct abstract entities? Filling the gap between grammar, language acquisition and language processing
- 1.4. Language learning in adult and child developing grammar

Constructions and argument structure

- 2.1. Introduction: the constructional approach to argument structure
- 2.2. The interaction between verbs and constructions in English
- 2.3. Argument structure constructions in English
 - 2.3.1. The English Ditransitive Construction



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2.3.2. The English Caused-Motion construction

2.3.3. The English Resultative Construction

Construction Morphology

3.1. Introduction. Basic notions

3.2. Morphological constructions

3.2.1. An overview

3.2.2. Properties of morphological constructions

3.2.3. A constructional approach to some morphological problems

2. Practical contents

Each of the 3 units in this course will be accompanied by a number of study questions and practice exercises.

METHODOLOGY

Clarifications

This course will follow a continuous assessment process. Regular attendance is required. The requirement of regular attendance means that the student must be present for at least 80% of the class time. Active participation in class is an essential element of the course assessment.

Part-time students should take a final exam.

Face-to-face activities

Activity	Total
<i>Assessment activities</i>	4
<i>Lectures</i>	8
<i>Study questions</i>	4
<i>Total hours</i>	16

Off-site activities

Activity	Total
<i>Exercises</i>	20
<i>Reference search</i>	12
<i>Self-study</i>	20
<i>Study questions</i>	32
<i>Total hours</i>	84

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WORK MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS

Dossier

Exercises and activities

EVALUATION

Tools	Percentage
Assignments and projects	60%
Case studies	20%
Short answer tests	20%

Period of validity for partial qualifications:

Until the end of the academic year

Clarifications:

This course will follow a continuous assessment process. Regular attendance is required. The requirement of regular attendance means that the student must be present for at least 80% of the class time. Otherwise, the student will have to take a test at the end of the module.

In addition, students will need to write an assignment on one of the topics of the syllabus. They will be able to choose between:

- (i) An essay or discussion on one of the topics using specialized bibliography (3,500 words)
- (ii) A short applied research work (between 3,500 and 4,000 words).

Part-time students should take a final exam.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. Basic Bibliography

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2. Further reading

None

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The methodological strategies and the evaluation system contemplated in this Course Description will be adapted according to the needs presented by students with disabilities and special educational needs in the cases that are required.

CONTINGENCY PLAN: CASE SCENARIO A

Case scenario A will correspond to a diminished on-site academic activity due to social distancing measures affecting the permitted capacity of classrooms.

METHODOLOGY

General clarifications on the methodology on case scenario A

In case scenario A, our invited lecturer (Prof. Francisco González, UAL) will be teaching online (via videoconference on the authorized platforms, Webex or BB)

The course will still follow a continuous assessment process. An 80% attendance rate to the scheduled sessions is required. Otherwise, the student will have to take a test at the end of the module.

Part-time students should take a final exam.

EVALUATION

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Assignments and projects	60%
Case studies	20%
Short answer tests	20%

Period of validity for partial qualifications (Scenario A):

Until the end of the academic year

Clarifications on the methodology for part-time students and students with disabilities and special educational needs (Scenario A):

This course will follow a continuous assessment process. Regular attendance is required. The requirement of regular attendance means that the student must be present for at least 80% of class time. Otherwise, the student will have to take a test at the end of the module.

Students will be required to answer a number of questions on (some of) the points dealt with during each session, either in the classroom or as a homework task.

In addition, students will need to write an assignment on one of the topics of the syllabus. They will be able to choose between:

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CONTINGENCY PLAN: CASE SCENARIO B

Case scenario B will bring about a suspension of all on-site academic activities as a consequence of health measures.

METHODOLOGY

General clarifications on the methodology on case scenario B

In Case Scenario B, the authorized videoconference platforms (Webex or BB) will be used for online teaching. This course will still follow a continuous assessment process. Regular attendance is required. An 80% attendance rate to the scheduled sessions is required. Otherwise, the student will have to take a test at the end of the module. Part-time students should take a final exam.

EVALUATION

Tools	Percentage
Assignments and projects	60%
Case studies	20%
Short answer tests	20%

Moodle Tools	Casos y supuestos prácticos	Pruebas de respuesta corta	Trabajos y proyectos
Cuestionario		X	
Foro	X		
Tarea	X	X	X

Period of validity for partial qualifications (Scenario B):

Until the end of the academic year

Clarifications on the methodology for part-time students and students with disabilities and special educational needs (Scenario B):

This course will follow a continuous assessment process. Regular attendance to the scheduled (synchronous) videoconference sessions is required. The requirement of regular attendance means that the student must be present for at least 80% of class time.

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