College of Marin  
Spring 2010  

Course Outline  
Intensive English Program: Grammar for Oral and Written Communication 1  

Required text: Fundamentals of English Grammar, Volume A  

Course Description: Grammar 1 is a communicative course designed to help beginning and high-beginning ESL students to use grammatical structures accurately and meaningfully. Students will learn the form, meaning, and use of structures through a variety of speaking, writing, and listening activities.  

Student Learning Objectives (what students will be able to do by the end of the course):  
• Demonstrate and recognize correct basic grammar and usage in controlled situations, both in oral and written communication.  
• Understand and follow oral and written directions. Also demonstrate basic aural comprehension by responding appropriately to spoken questions, statements and prompts.  
• Function as a productive member of a group by cooperating in interactive learning activities.  
• Develop sound test-taking strategies and study skills.  
• Take responsibility for their own learning by seeking help from teachers and other students.  

Structures:  
Simple and continuous past, present, future  
Modals  
There is/there are  
Count/non-count nouns  
Articles  
Prepositions of time, place, manner  
Adjectives: Comparative and Superlative  
Pronunciation of past tense –ed, plural –s, -es  
Yes/No and Wh- Questions  

Assignments/Activities:  
Textbook and workbook exercises  
Oral exercises  
Quizzes and tests  
Pair and group work  
Written homework assignments  

Methods of Evaluation:  
Tests and quizzes  
Short written paragraphs  
Oral demonstration of meaning and usage  
Error analysis