Course Description					
Course Title	LAC / Language Awareness Course				
Course Type	Elective			Recommented Year/Semester of Study	
Course Length	1 semest.	Per week	0/2	ECTS	2
Length (Further Specifications)					
Method of Assessment	Final Test			Form of Delivery	Seminar
Course Requirements					

Course requirements are at least three passed homework assignments per semester (there is one assignment per unit) and a minimum of 75% attendance.

Lecturer

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Course Overview

Aims:

This two semester course, originally designed for native speaker teachers of English as a foreign language, provides an introduction to a descriptive grammar of those language features most commonly addressed in coursebooks used for English language-learning. In short, it compares prescriptive and descriptive grammars for purposes of English language teaching. By the end of the course, students will be able critically to evaluate coursebook materials designed for grammar foci, and will have been given the opportunity to shore up weaknesses in their own language awareness.

Topics:

- 1) Describing language an overview of 'typical' grammar areas
- 2) Tense & time
- 3) Auxiliaries & Operators
- 4) Modality extrinsic
- 5) Modality intrinsic
- 6) Will & would
- 7) Future forms
- 8) Forms with 'have': the perfect aspect
- 9) Forms with 'be': the progressive aspect
- 10) Forms with 'be': the passive voice
- 11) The verb form
- 12) Conditional structures
- 13) The noun phrase
- 14) Language as lexis

Course Reading List

Compulsory:

LEWIS, M. The English Verb. Hove, 1986.

SCRIVENER, J. Teaching English Grammar – What to Teach and How to Teach It. Oxford, 2010.

SWAN, M. Practical English Usage, 2nd Edition. Oxford, 1995.

THORNBURY, S. How to Teach Grammar. Harlow, UK, 1999.