Courses taught at the University of Debrecen

2020-2022

Grammar in Context

This course adopts a descriptive usage-based approach to English grammar. The first part of the course focuses on phenomena related to noun phrases, whereas the second part addresses several issues related to verb phrases. The course also sheds light on grammatical strategies that change the focus of a sentence.

2024

Targeting the Noun Phrase

This course adopts an empirical cognitive grammar approach to the analysis of English Noun Phrases (NPs) with occasional references to other languages. The main objectives of the course are to relate multiple linguistic phenomena relevant to NPs to their underlying conceptual structures and to show how language works in harmony with other cognitive abilities.

2025

The Mental Lexicon and L2 Vocabulary

This course aims to familiarize the students with the different models of the mental lexicon as suggested by psycholinguistics and cognitive linguistics. The prime focus will be on the models that led to the creation of language resources and tools. The course highlights the various pedagogical applications of such models, resources and tools in teaching L2 vocabulary.

Advanced Academic Writing

This course aims at enhancing the academic writing skills of the students across a variety of academic writing types. Students will learn to differentiate between academic and non-academic writing styles and select the most suitable type of academic writing for their specific purposes through practical examples. Throughout the course, they will advance their writing, summarization, paraphrasing, language editing, and academic citing skills.

2026

Challenging Grammar

This course adopts a descriptive usage-based approach to English grammar. It aims to advance students' knowledge of English sentence structure and to introduce the conceptual differences between similar structures. The course places equal emphasis on enriching theoretical knowledge of grammar and developing students' practical language-editing skills. The benefits and risks of using artificial intelligence in grammar learning will be highlighted throughout the course.

English Pronunciation

This course introduces students to basic concepts in phonology and trains them to use phonetics software packages (primarily Speech Analyzer and Praat) to identify mispronunciations and dialectal differences and to track their own pronunciation progress. The course will also highlight the legitimate use and potential risks of AI in pronunciation training.