

# **Module Specification**

### **Module Summary Information**

1	Module Title	Grammar and Sounds
2	Module Credits	40
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	EGL6145

## 5 Module Overview

This module will deepen your knowledge and understanding of the core foundations of the English language and allow you to research intellectually challenging concepts using a variety of methodological approaches. You will focus on the description of English grammar, morphology, phonetics and phonology as well as analyse linguistics phenomena in context. You will develop your analytical skills and capacity to be reflective and critical when synthesising complex information. The module will build your linguistic skills and thus promote graduate work readiness.

You will develop the foundation of your knowledge through a series of lectures followed by workshops in which you will apply your understanding of the field through a range of practical activities. The formally taught sessions will be supported by pre-sessional learning activities delivered via Moodle and post-sessional practical online tests and project work in teams. The independent learning will be characterised by the development of wider critical knowledge of the field which will be supported by the application and development of students' research skills.

### 6 Indicative Content

### **Session Topics:**

- Introduction to Grammar and Phonetics and Phonology
- Word and Word Classes
- Word formation
- Morphology: morpheme
- Phonology: phoneme
- Articulatory Phonetics: Consonants
- Data sources for Phonetics and Grammar
- Verb: Tense, aspect, modality
- Noun: pre- and post-modification
- Articulatory Phonetics: Vowels
- Data sources for Phonetics and Grammar
- Phrases and Clauses
- Syllable structure
- Supra-segmental structure
- Rhythmic patterns
- Intonation patterns
- Clause Structure: Function and Type
- Fast speech phenomena
- Sentence structure: main & subordinate clauses
- Types of subordinate clause
- Spoken discourse: intelligibility, comprehensibility and other spoken discourse features
- Written discourse: coherence, cohesion and other written discourse features
- Corpus Linguistic Approaches
- Poster presentations in pairs/groups



7	Module Learning Outcomes			
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:			
	1	Demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding of the terminology and concepts		
		related to grammar, morphology, phonetics, and phonology and an ability to evaluate differentiate between them.		
	2	Analyse individual features of English grammar, morphology, phonetics, and phonology in context, critically applying a wide range of frameworks taught.		
	3	Design and deliver a logical and coherent research project, starting from tackling unfamiliar data and extracting relevant features for the analysis to choosing an appropriate methodological framework and evaluating the results of the analysis.		
	4	Communicate clearly, fluently and effectively and present arguments in a professional and engaging manner.		

8	Module Asse	Assessment				
Learning						
Outcome						
		Coursework	Exam	In-Person		
1, 2 and 4			X			
1 - 4				X		

9 Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities				
Learning Activities	Hours			
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36			
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	200			
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	164			
Total Study Hours:	400			