

## The English Grammar Tutorial

If you are enrolled in DSPW 0800 or ENGL 1010, you are automatically enrolled in the English Grammar Tutorial. Students in other courses, such as ESL, are also required to use the Tutorial.

The English Grammar Tutorial is designed to help you strengthen your ability to see and correct grammar problems in your own writing. The Tutorial includes exercises that encourage you to correct common grammar and sentence structure errors.

The Tutorial begins with a **diagnostic exercise** that covers a broad range of grammatical issues. The exercise is multiple-choice and includes 50 questions covering a variety of grammatical topics. Some questions direct you to identify a correct grammatical construction, while other questions direct you to identify a poorly designed or incorrect grammatical construction. **You only have to take the diagnostic exercise once.**

Using the **diagnostic key**, which is listed directly below the diagnostic exercise link in the Contents section of the Tutorial, you can identify specific areas that need your attention. You can then work on various content exercises to strengthen your grammar knowledge. **You may work on the content exercises as many times as you want.**

There are seven content areas in the Tutorial. Each content area covers a specific type of grammatical problem common in academic essays, research papers, and everyday writing and communication. Content areas also include descriptions and examples of the grammatical problem to help you identify instances in your own writing. Your instructor can help you choose which content areas are right for you.

Ideally, you should aim to earn at least 80% on any of the exercises you choose. Your instructor might require that you earn at or above a certain score in order to finish your work in the Grammar Tutorial.

You will be doing work in the tutorial in addition to the work you do in your writing course. The difference is that the tutorial is designed so that you can work at your own pace. There are no time limits for the exercises, and you can work on exercises as often as you want.