

Base NCBO Integrated Reading and Writing (INRW 0173 2A4) Fall 2026 Late Start

CREDIT

Semester Credit Hours (1 Lecture hr)

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

On-Line

PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:

Co-enrollment in INRW 0373

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Integration of critical reading and academic writing skills. Successful completion of this intervention if taught at the upper (exit) level fulfills TSI requirements for reading and/or writing

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Locate explicit textual information, draw complex inferences, and describe, analyze, and evaluate the information within and across multiple texts of varying lengths
2. Comprehend and use vocabulary effectively in oral communication, reading, and writing.
3. Identify and analyze the audience, purpose, and message across a variety of texts.
4. Describe and apply insights gained from reading and writing a variety of texts.
5. Compose a variety of texts that demonstrate reading comprehension, clear focus, logical development of ideas, and use of appropriate language that advance the writer's purpose.
6. Determine and use effective approaches and rhetorical strategies for given reading and writing situations.
7. Generate ideas and gather information relevant to the topic and purpose, incorporating the ideas and words of other writers in student writing using established strategies.
8. Evaluate relevance and quality of ideas and information in recognizing, formulating, and developing a claim.
9. Develop and use effective reading and revision strategies to strengthen the writer's ability to compose college-level writing assignments.
10. Recognize and apply the conventions of Standard English in reading and writing.

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Office Location: Please message me in Blackboard messages.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

All Required materials are provided by the instructor via Blackboard and

Khan Academy Grammar Exercises: Instructor will provide a link for joining this class in 0373, so please do not create your own Khan individual account. This link is visible in the 0373 content page with instructions. If individual Khan Academy accounts are created, and the link above is not used to create your lab exercises, through Khan Academy, I will not accept those exercises. This is because I am not able to see exercises in individual Khan Academy account. Again, Please follow the instructions, in Blackboard Content area of 0373 2A1 and 0173 2A1 to understand how to create your Khan Academy accounts.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students must show on-line activity by completion of assignments, within units, according to “due dates” in the Khan Academy Assignment Schedule for each unit. There are four units, so attendance will be calculated as completion of each unit’s “due date”. Each unit’s activity is worth approximately 25 pts. Therefore, completion of no assignments or some assignments will affect the final attendance grade by subtracting 10-25 pts. from each incomplete unit. However, late completion of lab assignments, will cause “starfish notifications” to be sent to students during the semester.

DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the [Academic Calendar](#). If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an “F” in the course.

COURSE CALENDAR:

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Lab Assignment Schedule

Unit Lab Assignments & Due Dates

These dates will be different from the Khan academy Units...Please use this schedule only!

If a student does not meet the required “due dates” below, zeros will be placed into the 0173 Gradebook. I will not average incomplete Units. If you pass the “due date” for a unit, or if it is partially done, let me know, by message, or by email: paculbertson@lit.edu when you have completed the entire Unit, and I will make the adjustment. This may take at least a week for me to

average the overdue assignment. Therefore, do not expect your grade to be adjusted, until you have messaged or emailed me, and I will do my best to re-average your grade about one week after this notification. All messages and announcements for 0173 lab and 0373 will be made within the announcements of the 0373 content page. This includes any messages which you need to send me regarding 0173 lab and 0373; therefore, if you have a question regarding either class, please use “messages” in the content area of 373. This is to avoid confusion in communication between the two classes. Also, grades will not be put into the 0173 Gradebook until after each deadline for each of the four units is passed...I will send an announcement when the grades are posted in 0173 gradebook which will be a couple of days after the individual’s Unit due date. Again, I average each unit’s exercises and this takes at least a day or two as the calculations are done by myself.

Unit I Lab Assignments and Due Dates

Assignment Instructions: The due date for these assignments is:

Nouns: Sunday, October 11, by 11:59 PM :

Verbs: Sunday, October 11, by 11:59 PM

1.Nouns ,

- Plural and singular
- Common and proper
- Concrete and abstract
- Irregular plural—f to ves
- Irregular plural—en
- Irregular—base plurals
- Irregular—mutant plurals
- Irregular—foreign plurals

2. Verbs

- Identify
- Verb agreement
- Verb tense
- Auxiliary verbs
- Irregular verbs
- Simple verb aspect
- Progressive verb aspect
- Perfect verb aspect
- Progressive perfect verb aspect
- Managing time with tense and aspect
- Modal verbs

Unit II Lab Assignments and Due Dates:

Assignment Instructions: These assignments are due as follows:

Pronouns: Sunday, October 25, by 11:59 PM

Modifiers: Sunday, October 25, by 11:59 PM

Prepositions/conjunctions: Sunday, October 11,by 11:59 PM

1. This unit's grammar exercises are listed below:
2. Pronouns
 - Question word

- Possessive pronoun and adjectives
- Reflexive pronouns
- Choosing between subject and object pronouns
- Pronoun person
- Pronoun number
- Indefinite pronouns
- Pronoun vagueness
- Emphatic pronouns

3. Modifiers

- Adjectives
- Articles
- Definite and indefinite articles
- Adverbs
- Using adverbs and adjectives
- Identifying relative adverbs
- Adjective order
- Commas and adjectives
- Comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs
- Intensifiers and adverbs of degree

4. Prepositions and conjunctions

- Prepositions
- Preposition with pictures
- Common prepositions
- Compound prepositions
- Prepositional phrases
- Conjunctions
- Coordinating conjunctions
- Coordinating and subordinating conjunctions
- Correlative conjunctions

Unit III Lab Assignments and Due Dates

Assignment Instructions: These assignments are due as follows:

All Punctuation: Sunday, November 15, by 11:59 PM

This unit's grammar exercises are found below:

1. Punctuation

- Commas and apostrophes
- End punctuation
- Comma
- Punctuating lists
- Salutations, valedictions, dates, and addresses
- Commas and introductory elements
- Commas in dialogue, tag questions, direct address, and yes or no responses
- Appositives
- Apostrophe
- Contractions

- Apostrophes and plurals
- Possessive
- Advanced plural possession
- It's and its
- Colons
- Semicolons
- Using semicolons and commas
- Using colons and semicolons
- Italics, underlines, and quotes
- The dash
- Dashes and hyphens
- The ellipsis

Unit IV Lab Assignments and Due Dates

Note: The Syntax Unit Test is your final Exam

Assignment Instructions: These assignments are due as follows:

All Syntax and unfinished exercises due by: Friday, December 04, by 11:59 PM

This unit's grammar exercises are:

- Sentences and clauses
- Declarative, interrogative, and imperative sentences
- Simple and compound sentences
- Rearranging simple and compound sentences
- Complex and compound-complex sentences
- Identifying subject and predicate
- Identifying subject, direct object, and indirect object
- Phrases and clauses
- Dependents and independent clauses
- Phrase and clause placement
- Relative clauses
- Syntax Unit Test -**This is your final exam for 0173**
(Final Exam for 0173=20% of your grade in 0173)

***Note: All "overdue" Khan Academy exercises are due by Friday, December 04, on or before 11:59 PM. I will not accept or grade any Khan Academy exercises done after this date and time.**

COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

- Attendance Grade--25%
- Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling, and Usage Grade--25%
- Unit Tests--25%

- Grammar Final Exam--25% (this is the Unit IV Syntax Test)

GRADING SCALE

*90-100% is an DA

*80-89% is a DB

*70-79% is a DC

*0-69% is an DF

*The D before each grade stands for Developmental. Only the A, B, C, or F calculates into students' GPAs.

LIT does not use +/- grading scales

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimumcomputerrequirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email specialpopulations@lit.edu. You may also visit the online resource at [Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology \(lit.edu\)](#).

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at www.lit.edu. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STATEMENT

Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) recognizes the recent advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI), such as ChatGPT, have changed the landscape of many career disciplines and will impact many students in and out of the classroom. To prepare students for their selected careers, LIT desires to guide students in the ethical use of these technologies and incorporate AI into classroom instruction and assignments appropriately. Appropriate use of these technologies is at the discretion of the instructor. Students are reminded that all submitted work must be their own original work unless otherwise specified. Students should contact their instructor with any questions as to the acceptable use of AI/ChatGPT in their courses.

STARFISH

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students found to be committing academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or collusion) may receive disciplinary action. Students need to familiarize themselves with the institution's Academic Dishonesty Policy available in the Student Catalog & Handbook at <http://catalog.lit.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#academic-dishonesty>.

STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT

For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16-week semester. Students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class. Please see the lab assignment schedule in Blackboard above this syllabus and addendum for the schedule of lab assignments.

Grade Calculations for Khan Academy are as follows:

If the due date for a Unit has passed, and I see any exercises coded as "attempted" or "missed" or "in progress" a "zero" will be averaged in for those assignments, if there is not a numeric grade posted for those exercises in Khan. I will input your grades in the 0173 gradebook for each of the 4 units after their "due dates". Do not expect to see immediate grade averages, as it will take me a few days to complete those averages. To view these exercises, and the "due dates", scroll up to the lab assignment schedule above please. Each Unit's exercises will be an "average" of that entire unit's exercises divided by the number of exercises in the unit. I will do this by hand calculation and keep a written record of each Unit average grade for all students. The Unit tests will be calculated as an average by themselves and are in the 25% category. I will send an announcement when I have populated each unit's

averages into the 0173 gradebook. Keep in mind, it is your responsibility also to check your scores, in your student dashboard, and average them out yourselves, to make sure the averages posted in 0173 are correct.