

## SUBJECT TEACHING GUIDE

G520 - Morphosyntax and Semantics of the English Language

Degree in Early Childhood Education  
Degree in Primary Education Teaching

Academic year 2021-2022

| 1. IDENTIFYING DATA              |   |                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Degree                           | Degree in Early Childhood Education<br>Degree in Primary Education Teaching               |                  | Type and Year<br>Optional. Year 3<br>Optional. Year 3 |
| Faculty                          | School of Teacher Training  |                  |   |
| Discipline                       | Speciality in Foreign Language (English)<br>Module: Complementary or Specialised Training |                  |   |
| Course unit title and code       | G520 - Morphosyntax and Semantics of the English Language                                 |                  |   |
| Number of ECTS credits allocated | 6   | Term             | Semester based (1)                                    |
| Web                              |   |                  |   |
| Language of instruction          | English   | Mode of delivery | Face-to-face  |

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| 3.1 LEARNING OUTCOMES  |
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| - Understand the mechanisms of word formation in English.  |
| - Describe and analyze the syntax and the semantics of different types of sentences in English.                    |
| - Contrast the morphosyntactic and semantic aspects of both English and Spanish.                                   |
| - Identify morphosyntactic and semantic aspects of the English language that are problematic for Spanish speakers. |

#### 4. OBJECTIVES

Apply the scientific principles of linguistic theory applied to the study of the morphology, syntax and semantics of the English language.

Interpret new linguistic data in the light of already known theoretical principles.

Solve new problems, either through the application of familiar concepts or by comparison to other familiar properties or data.

Contrast morphosyntactic and semantic properties of both English and Spanish using practical criteria.

#### 6. COURSE ORGANIZATION

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|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Morphology: Word and Phrase Level |
| 2 | Syntax: Clause and Sentence Level |
| 3 | Semantics: Working with Texts     |

## 7. ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA

| Description         | Type                                   | Final Eval. | Reassessn | %             |
|---------------------|--|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| Theory and practice | Written exam                           | Yes         | Yes       | 60,00         |
| Portfolio           | Others                                 | No          | Yes       | 10,00         |
| Exercises and tests | Activity evaluation with Virtual Media | No          | Yes       | 30,00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        |  |             |           | <b>100,00</b> |

### Observations

Both the Portfolio and the exercises and tests have to be delivered on the dates established by the teacher throughout the course. According to Article 17 of the Regulation of the assessment processes at the University of Cantabria, 40% of the final mark will have been assessed before the lesson period ends.

To pass the course students must pass the written exam. According to Article 35 of the Regulation of the assessment processes at the University of Cantabria, "if a student does not obtain the minimum mark required to pass an evaluation test, the overall mark for the subject will be the lowest value between 4.9 and the weighted average of all the evaluation tests".

### ORTHOGRAPHY:

It is assumed that university students have acquired linguistic abilities in relation to oral and written expression. Therefore, spelling, stress mark, punctuation, grammar and lexical correction in assignments and exams are an obligatory prerequisite to pass the subject.

### PLAGIARISM:

Regarding the fraudulent performance in exams and assignments, the final mark complies with the provisions of article 32 of the Regulation of the assessment processes at the University of Cantabria: 'The fraudulent conduct in exams or assignments will be graded as Fail '0' in the subject in the corresponding call, invalidating the marks obtained in all the assessment activities for the extraordinary call'.

### CITATION NORMS:

The Faculty assumes the APA STYLE as citation criteria for all academic work. Although there are several editions of these guidelines, a BUC link is attached as an initial reference: <http://web.unican.es/buc/recursos/guias-y-tutoriales/guia?g=28>

### Observations for part-time students

These students are subject to the same assessment requirements as full-time students. However, according to Article 24 of the Regulation of the assessment processes for part-time students at the University of Cantabria, students may opt for taking a single final assessment. Such assessment will involve the completion of a final exam and the submission of the summative assessment tasks (Portfolios and Moodle tests) on the date of the final exam. In this case, they must let the lecturer know their choice within the first two weeks of the semester by sending an email.

## 8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS

### BASIC

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