LECTURER
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OVERVIEW
This course adopts a functional view of grammar to understand language as a stratified system.

OBJECTIVES
This course aims to acquaint course participants with a general understanding of how grammar as part of a language system encompasses discourse and meaning. Participants will understand the importance of functional analysis of various text types and recognize the limitation of the traditional grammar.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES
By the end of this course, students should be able to:
1. identify and describe the language use and function in some common genres;
2. apply relevant grammatical categories to critically analyse and interpret language data; and
3. diagnose problems of language learners

ASSIGNMENT
Participants will be expected to apply functional grammar to conduct a comparative analysis of two spoken or written texts. The texts can be produced by learners, professionals, native or non-native speakers of English. Details of the assignment will be provided when the module begins.

CORE READING

**SCHEDULE**

**Session 1** Different Conceptions of Grammar
**Session 2** Overview of Functional Grammar
**Session 3** Experiential Meaning
**Session 4** Interpersonal Meaning
**Session 5** Textual Meaning
**Session 6** Applying Functional Grammar

Assignment