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As early as the 1750s, Cesar Chesneau Dumarsais advanced:

In a grammar there are parts that pertain to all languages; these components form what is called the general grammar. In addition to these general parts, there are those that belong only to one particular language; and these constitute the particular grammar of each language.

Chomsky further claimed that there is a Universal Grammar (UG) that is part of the biologically endowed human language faculty. Please write in an essay form to explore the issues of University Grammar. You might want to start with the definition of UG and grammar in general and cover relevant topics such as some features of UG, the development of grammar, evidence of UG including Chomsky's Innateness Hypothesis and sign languages, and so on. (100%)