

COURSE OUTLINE
ENGL-083
Academic Intermediate Reading for ESL Students
3 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In this course, reading is approached as an integral part of an ESL student's overall English language learning, not as an isolated skill. In addition to reading comprehension and vocabulary skill building, students will respond to information and concepts from a variety of assigned materials, both orally and in writing.

Prerequisite: Appropriate score on English placement tests.

Overall Course Objectives

Students will develop their ability to read, analyze and respond to varied reading genres (appropriate for intermediate learners of English), including selections with diverse global perspectives. Upon successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate comprehension of assigned authentic and adapted readings both orally and in writing.
 - a. Identify the topic and stated and implied main ideas of passages.
 - b. List details used to support the main idea and draw logical conclusions.
 - c. Summarize, paraphrase and outline assigned readings.
 - d. Use previewing, scanning, inferences, and patterns of organization to increase reading comprehension.
 - e. Learn transition words that are used to make logical connections between sentences and between paragraphs.
2. Demonstrate comprehension of an expanded vocabulary.
 - a. Define an unknown word or idiom using the context.
 - b. Identify common prefixes, roots and suffixes and their meanings.
 - c. Use an assigned set of vocabulary words correctly in practice exercises and student-generated sentences.
3. Develop critical thinking skills through analysis and response to short stories and articles.
4. Participate in class discussions of assigned readings, several of which will contain global themes.

Major Topics

- I. Reading comprehension
- II. Vocabulary study, including word forms
- III. Analysis and response to written material
- IV. Paragraph organization
- V. Summarizing and paraphrasing
- VI. Information literacy

Course Requirements

Grading procedures will be determined by individual faculty members, but may include:

- Reading Lab Activities
- Reading Assignments and Quizzes
- Midterm Exam
- Final Exam

Other Course Information

This course is non-transferable. Students, however, receive college credit upon successful completion.