

COURSE OUTLINE

ENGL-093

Directed Studies in Reading 3 Semester Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Directed Studies in Reading is a developmental course designed to strengthen students' reading skills. In this course, the student in need of intensive reading instruction will complete prescribed activities to develop vocabulary and improve reading comprehension. Credits awarded for the completion of ENGL 093 do not fulfill degree requirements in any degree or certificate program. ENGL 093 meets five hours weekly.

Prerequisite: Appropriate score on reading placement tests. (4 hours weekly)

Major Topics

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Correctly identify the topic and main idea of a passage.
2. Locate key words and recall important facts.
3. Determine major and minor supporting details of a passage.
4. Recognize relationships between ideas in a passage.
5. Identify transitions and patterns of organization.
6. Make logical conclusions based on material read.
7. Identify implied main idea statements in passages.
8. Identify the meaning of an assigned set of vocabulary words.
9. Use assigned vocabulary words correctly in sentences.
10. Determine the meaning of a word by the way it is used in context.

Major Topics

- I. Literal Comprehension
 - A. Locating information
 - B. Recalling facts
 - C. Identifying facts
 - D. Locating main ideas
- II. Interpretative Comprehension
 - A. Drawing logical conclusions
 - B. Determining implied main idea
 - C. Writing implied main idea sentences
 - D. Analyzing argument
 - E. Analyzing characters from literature
 - F. Analyzing plot from literature
- III. Vocabulary Development
 - A. Using structural analysis to build sight vocabulary
 - B. Using prefixes, roots and suffixes
 - C. Learning a prescribed set of words

D. Using context clues

Course Requirements

Attendance: Because developing reading skills is a gradual process that requires continual practice, attendance in ENGL093 is required. If you are absent more seven classes or labs, you will not pass the course. Grading: Grades are based on classwork, various assessments, vocabulary tests and exams.

An F grade will be assigned when all course objectives are not mastered due to student controlled factors such as motivation, effort, attendance or commitment.

An L grade will be assigned when all course objectives are not mastered due to students' unique learning style.

Students must earn a C grade or higher to be eligible for the next level English course, English 096.

Other Course Information

This course is non-transferable and does not fulfill requirements for degree or certificate programs. However, students receive three credits for successful completion of this course.

Third Try Developmental Repeaters Policy: Any student who repeats a developmental education course for the third (or more) time(s) will be required to participate in free one-on-one tutoring through the Learning Assistance Center for a minimum of one hour per week. Failure to attend the weekly tutoring sessions MAY result in the student receiving a failing grade in the course.