

COURSE OUTLINE

ENGL 180

Vocabulary Development

1 Semester Hour

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In this course, students will increase reading, writing, listening and speaking vocabularies. Students will be given resources to add a minimum of 300 words to their adult vocabularies. Students will also develop, through the study of context clues, the dictionary, and the thesaurus, the necessary skills to increase their vocabularies throughout their lives. This course is recommended for students who have an interest in increasing their vocabularies. Students who are required to take ENGL 096 should not register for this course while taking ENGL 096. (1 hour class, 1 hour lab).

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Examine and evaluate a number of dictionaries.
2. Utilize all parts of a dictionary fully.
3. Judge dictionary definitions and select the appropriate definition that fits the sentence context.
4. Define words using context clues.
5. Apply words to individual situations.
6. Create sentences and longer passages using new words.
7. Define new words in various content areas.
8. Pronounce new words using a variety of pronunciation keys.
9. Complete verbal analogies.
10. Build a personal word bank.
11. Collaborate successfully in small group settings.

Major Topics

- I. Knowing and Using the Dictionary
 - Types of Dictionaries
 - Denotations and Connotations
- II. Context Clues and Verbal Analogies
 - Using Context Clues
 - Types of Context Clues
 - Using Verbal Analogies

Major Topics (continued)

- III. Words Selected from Personal Reading
- IV. Words from the Social Sciences
 - Political Science
 - Psychology
 - Economics
- V. Words from the Humanities
 - History
 - English
 - Communication
 - Art
- VI. Words from the Sciences
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Mathematics
- VII. Words from Business
 - Business Administration
 - Accounting
 - Computer Science and Data

Course Requirements

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

Final grades will be based on unit exams, group participation, and a final group presentation.

Writing: Specific writing assignments will be determined by the individual faculty member.

Other Course Information

This course is an Arts and Science and an English Elective.