

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 32

Credits: 6

Course Title: Reading I

Course Description: Helps students improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary development. Improves students' reading proficiency to a level which would allow the students to function adequately in ESL 42. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Prerequisite: Recommendation of department following satisfactory completion of ESL 20 or appropriate placement test. Lecture 6 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To improve students' reading proficiency to a level that would allow the students to function adequately in ESL 42.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: Recommendation of department following satisfactory completion of ESL 20 or appropriate placement test

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to read materials, both fiction and non-fiction, appropriate for the intermediate level proficiency to:

- a. Identify topics, main ideas, and supporting details;
- b. Preview texts and make predictions;
- c. Skim and scan for specific purposes;
- d. Locate transition words signaling text organization;
- e. Summarize content (with guidance);
- f. Use contextual clues to understand new vocabulary;
- g. Expand vocabulary;
- h. Increase reading speed;
- i. Use mono-lingual dictionary for definition and word form; and
- j. Locate pronoun referents in text.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Previewing texts
- b. Skimming
- c. Scanning
- d. Identifying main ideas and support details
- e. Building vocabulary skills through use of context clues
- f. Increasing reading speed
- g. Using a mono-lingual dictionary

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: September 3, 2015