

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 72

Credits: 3

Course Title: Spelling and Vocabulary

Course Description: Provides individualized instruction and practice in sound-letter correspondences. Introduces students to basic spelling rules, word division, prefixes, roots, and suffixes. Helps students master vocabulary through an understanding of homonyms, confusing words, and Greek and Latin roots. Stresses using words in context. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Prerequisites: Completion of ESL 20 or placement at the intermediate level (ESL 31, 32, 33). Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course is designed to help students improve their college-level writing skills and become more accurate and efficient writers through more accurate spelling and through the acquisition and development of vocabulary.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

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Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the students will be able to:

- a. Recognize most common spelling patterns in English; and
- b. Use a broader vocabulary.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Basic spelling rules in English
- b. Word division
- c. Prefixes and suffixes, including Greek and Latin roots
- d. Homonyms, antonyms, and synonyms
- e. Basic word form distinctions

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: September 3, 2015