

Course Syllabus

Department : Reading & Education

Course Title : Basic Reading

Section Name : READ_0371_4_

Start Date : 01/18/11

End Date : 05/13/11

Modality : FACE-TO-FACE

Credits : 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

READ 0371 Basic Reading (32.0108.5212)(3-0)3hours
Initiates instruction in developmental reading with emphasis on building vocabulary, increasing reading rate, and improving comprehension. Aims to empower students with independent learning techniques and effective study skills to enhance self-esteem. Includes individual diagnosis of reading strengths and weaknesses for placement in multileveled materials. Lab fee required.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisite: None or placement by counselors.

[Scans](#)

(SCANS 1, 9, 10).

Course Objectives

Increase critical reading and thinking skills
THEA/COMPASS Reading preparation

Increase reading comprehension skills
 Increase vocabulary
 Improve spelling
 Better grades in content area classes
 Accomplish more in less time
 Adapt reading rate based on type of text and purpose for reading

PRE-DIAGNOSTIC CLASS PLACEMENT SCORES:		
THEA		
200 or below	READ 0371 and 0372, 6 hours required	
201-229	READ 0372, 3 hours required	
220-229	May enroll concurrently in READ 0372 and a course identified as reading intensive**	
230 or above	College Ready*	
COMPASS		
0-64	READ 0371 and 0372, 6 hours required	
65-80	READ 0372, 3 hours required	
78-80	May enroll concurrently in READ 0372 and a course identified as reading intensive**	
81 or above	College Ready*	
ACCUPLACER		
0-61	READ 0371 and 0372, 6 hours required	
62-77	READ 0372, 3 hours required	
78 or above	College Ready*	
ASSET		
0-35	READ 0371 and 0372, 6 hours required	
36-40	READ 0372, 3 hours required	
41 or above	College Ready*	

Required Readings/Materials

a) You must purchase the following **required** readings/materials:

AFTER prediagnostic testing for book placement, you will be assigned a Vocabulary Skills Workbook. DO NOT PURCHASE THIS BOOK UNTIL AFTER PRETESTING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES.

POSSIBLE Book Assignment AFTER PREDIAGNOSTIC TESTING:

BUILDING Vocabulary Skills by Sherrie L. Nist, 4th Edition, Townsend Press
 OR
 IMPROVING Vocabulary Skills by Sherrie L. Nist, 4th Edition, Townsend Press

OTHER TEXT YOU WILL PURCHASE: The Skilled Reader, by D.J. Henry, 2nd Edition, Pearson/Longman
 OTHER LEISURE BOOK YOU WILL PURCHASE: Book Of Lies by Brad Meltzer

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

Pre/Post Diagnostic Testing, Vocabulary Book and Tests, Skills Reader Text and Tests, Retesting for Mastery in Skills Readers, Leisure Reading on Shadowscope Pacer, Timed Reading Exercises, Quantum Timed Reading Exercises on Computer, PLATO Lab Instruction, exercises and evaluation, Roots/Prefix Test, Jamestown Comprehension Skills Review Booklets, Various Reading/Study Skills lectures and quizzes, In Class Writings/Journaling, "Tour"/Assignment of Learning Resource Center and Student Support Services Center, FINAL TESTING, Attendance Requirements/Policy, Bonus Opportunities

Item	Type	Description	TBA
Pre/Post Diagnostic Testing	Test	<i>Placement and Exit Progress</i>	TBA
Vocabulary Book and Tests	Discussion/Assignment/Tests	Vocabulary	TBA
Skilled Reader Text and Tests	Discussion/Assignment/Tests	Comprehension	TBA
Retesting Skilled Reader	Testing and Skills Review/Mastery	Comprehension	TBA
Leisure Reading	Instruction/Practice on Pacer	Rate	TBA
Timed Reading Exercises	Reading Skills Instruction/ Practice/ Tests	Vocabulary, Comprehension, Rate	TBA
Quantum Timed Readings	Reading Skills Instruction/Practice/Mastery on Computer	Vocabulary, Comprehension, Rate	TBA
PLATO Lab	Instruction/Discussion/Practice/Tests on Computer	Vocabulary, Comprehension	TBA
Roots/Prefix Test	Instruction/Assignment/ Test	Vocabulary	TBA
Jamestown Booklets	Discussion/Assignment/Review	Comprehension	TBA
Lectures	Discussion/Assignment/Quizzes	Reading/Study Skills Review and Mastery	TBA
In Class Writings/Journaling	Reflection - various topics	Writing Samples	TBA
"Tour" of Learning Resource Center	Information/ Assignment	Hands-On Activity for Library Services	TBA
"Tour" of Student Support Services Center	Information	Student Support Services Available	TBA
FINAL TESTING	TESTS	Vocabulary, Comprehension, Rate	TBA
ATTENDANCE POLICY	Information/Discussion	requirements/consequences	TBA

Bonus Opportunities	extra credit	Campus/Community Involvement	TBA

Grading Policy

Assignments are due WHEN and AS made known to student upon delivery. Grades for Tests, Assignments, Quizzes, etc. will be made known to student in class within 1 week of due/collection date. Make Up Vocabulary Tests NOT completed before next test day (1 week later) will be entered as an F. Students are expected to comply with Board Assignments in class and/or make arrangements for make-up. ALL Coursework/ Assignments/Tests, Etc. MUST be completed by Deadline Date on Class Calendar. All required NOT completed by deadline date will be averaged in as a F. Grades below a C will be averaged as a D (60 - 69) and F (below 60).

Percentage %	Grade
90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resources Center (Library)

The Library, known as the [Learning Resources Center](#), provides research assistance via the [LRC's catalog \(print books, videos, e-books\)](#) and [databases \(journal and magazine articles\)](#). [Research guides](#) covering specific subject areas, [tutorials](#), and the ["Ask a Librarian "](#) service provide additional help.

Student Email

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Student Portal

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Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability at student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student's and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the [Odessa College Student Handbook](#)