

Course Syllabus

Department : Reading & Education

Course Title : College Reading

Section Name : READ_0372.3

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 0372 College Reading (32.0108.5212) (3-0) 3 hours
Stresses efficient learning techniques and application of reading and study skills. Students are encouraged to establish habits that result in increased success in learning in both the classroom and workplace environments. Includes diagnosis of individual reading strengths and weaknesses for placement in multilevel course that includes computer exercises, timed reading practices and vocabulary study. Lab fee required.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

READ 0371 passed with a "C" or better, satisfactory placement score or reading faculty approval.

[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
- OR
- ADVANCING Vocabulary Skills by Sherrie L. Nist, 4th Edition, Townsend Press

OTHER TEXT YOU WILL PURCHASE: THE EFFECTIVE READER by D.J. Henry, 2nd Edition, Pearson/Longman OTHER LEISURE READING BOOK: THE BOOK OF LIES by Brad Meltzer

b) You are encouraged to buy the following *optional* books/materials

(See Information Sheet provided in class for other necessary classroom/semester supplies)

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
Effective Reader Text and Tests	Discussion/Assignment/Tests	Comprehension	TBA
Retesting Effective 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

Please access your [Odessa College Student E-mail](#), by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. **All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.**

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](#)