

Course Syllabus

Department : Reading/Education

Course Title : Basic Reading

Section Name : READ_0371.49

Start Date : 08/22/11

End Date : 12/9/11

Modality : FACE-TO-FACE

Credits : 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

READ 0371 Basic Reading (32.0108.5212) (3-0) 3 hours
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 requires.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisite: None or placement by counsellors.

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 – 230	May enrol 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 enrol 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 require
36-40	READ 0372, 3 hours require
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

OTHER TEXT YOU WILL PURCHASE: The Skilled Reader Reader by D.J. Henry, 3RD Edition, Pearson/Longman

OTHER REQUIRED PAPERBACK LEISURE READING BOOK: BOOK OF LIES BY BRAD MELTZER for participation in ONE BOOK ODESSA COMMUNITY PROJECT

(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 , Blackboard Assignment

Topic/Overview:

Summary of Assignments & Activities

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

"Tour" of Student Support Services Center	Information	Student Support Services Available
FINAL TESTING	TESTS	Vocabulary, Comprehension, Rate
ATTENDANCE POLICY	Information/Discussion	requirements/consequences
Bonus Opportunities	extra credit	Campus/Community Involvement

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 Assignement 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 Resource 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 E-mail

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Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and 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](#).