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This course is designed to assist students whose placement test scores indicate difficulty with decoding skills, comprehension, vocabulary, and study skills. Students must make an “S” grade to exit the course or the will be required to repeat the course. This is a lab and/or Web-based course.

You will be required to purchase a computer code to complete the course. The code can be purchased from the bookstore or online at the MyReadingLab website (http://myreadinglab.com). You must have a code by the second class.

1. Vocabulary
2. Main Idea
3. Patterns and Organization
4. Purpose and Tone
5. Critical Thinking
6. Reading Textbooks
7. Graphics and Visuals
8. Reading Rate
9. Memorization and Concentration
10. Note Taking and Highlighting
11. Test Taking

Required readings

Students will be able to work on the course material at their own pace. It is possible to finish the course before the end of the semester.

Practice in each topic (20%): There will be a practice section in each topic of the course. You must make a minimum grade of 70% on the practice to complete the topic.

Test in each topic (20%): There will be a test in each topic of the course. You must have a minimum grade of 70% on the test to complete the topic.
Skills Tests (60%): There will be four major tests in the course. The tests will be taken after completing the following topics:

Test 1 - Vocabulary, Main Idea, Patterns and Organization, and Purpose and Tone
Test 2 - Critical Thinking, Reading Textbooks, Graphics and Visuals, and Reading Rate
Test 3 - Memorization and Concentration, Note Taking and Highlighting, and Test Taking
Test 4 – Required readings – Reading Level

The tests will not be taken on the computer. You will need a green scantron for each test. You will be able to take each test twice. The higher grade will be recorded in the grade book. Suggested dates for completing the tests in order to finish the course in one semester are:

Test 1 - January 23, 2009
Test 2 - February 20, 2009
Test 3 - March 27, 2009
Test 4 - April 24, 2009

Grades will be given based upon S = 70 – 100%, U = below 70% and IP. You will receive an IP if you do not finish the course in one semester provided you have completed through Test 2 in the course material. If you are on financial aid, a grade of IP may affect your benefits. You will need to check with the Financial Aid office for details.

Students are expected to attend each class session and arrive on time. Students should bring paper and a writing utensil to every class. Students will be able to access the course from any Internet capable computer. This Internet access should be in addition to coming to class. Students that do not attend class regularly miss the benefit of the instructor’s assistance.

For various reasons, you may find it necessary to withdraw from this course. If you wish to receive a “W” for the course, you should complete the appropriate paperwork in the registrar’s office on or before April 6, 2009

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The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 state that qualified students with disabilities who meet the essential functions and academic requirements are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is the student’s responsibility to provide appropriate disability documentation to the College.

All forms of dishonesty including cheating, plagiarism, and furnishing false information to the college could result in disciplinary action.