

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: ESL-098 Class/Lect. Hours: 3 Lab Hours: 0 Credits: 3 Dept.: English as a Second Language/English

Course Title: Advanced ESL Reading Semester: Spring Year: 2014

| Course Objectives | Competencies |
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| <p>1. To improve and expand reading comprehension and critical thinking skills in English through the study of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phonics b. Syllabification c. Stems and affixes d. Dictionary skills e. Context clues to guess the meanings of unknown vocabulary f. Academic English vocabulary g. Recognition of and relationship between main ideas and supporting details h. Understanding relationships between ideas i. Making inferences j. Evaluating arguments k. Reading for pleasure | <p>1. Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apply common consonant and vowel pronunciation rules b. Separate words into syllables using syllabification rules c. Recognize and comprehend common English stems and affixes d. Use the wealth of information provided with each entry word in an American English dictionary e. Utilize examples, synonyms, antonyms, and general sense of the passage to understand unknown vocabulary f. Understand common academic vocabulary g. Identify the main/central ideas and supporting details of a reading and prepare study notes by summarizing, mapping, and outlining h. Recognize and understand words and phrases that signal: definition/example, listing, time, cause/effect, and compare/contrast i. "Read between the lines" (including purpose and tone) in order to understand the author's main point j. Distinguish between fact and opinion and decide if an argument's support is both relevant and adequate k. Cultivate a joy and increased fluency in reading |