J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 32   **Credits:** 6

Course Title: Reading I

Course Description: Helps students improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary development. Improves students' reading proficiency to a level which would allow the students to function adequately in ESL 42 and other college classes. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Prerequisites: Requires competency in reading as indicated by the placement test or by teacher recommendation from a previous level. Recommendation of department following satisfactory completion of ESL 20 or appropriate placement test. Lecture 6 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To improve students' reading proficiency to a level that would allow the students to function adequately in ESL 42.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
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Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to read materials, both fiction and non-fiction, appropriate for the intermediate level proficiency to:
a. Identify topics, main ideas, and supporting details;
b. Preview texts and make predictions;
c. Skim and scan for specific purposes;
d. Locate transition words signaling text organization;
e. Summarize content (with guidance);
f.   Use contextual clues to understand new vocabulary;
g. Expand vocabulary;
h. Increase reading speed;
i.   Use mono-lingual dictionary for definition and word form; and
j.   Locate pronoun referents in text.

Major Topics to Be Included:
a. Previewing texts
b. Skimming
c. Scanning
d. Identifying main ideas and support details
e. Building vocabulary skills through use of context clues
f.   Increasing reading speed
g. Using a mono-lingual dictionary

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