



UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK IN TIRANA

Course: Academic Reading for ESL II

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Description

This course trains students in closely examining dense and complicated texts by looking in detail at meanings of new words and phrases and discussing main ideas in an academic fashion. Academic Reading is part of the ESL course.

Course Purpose

The course provides readings from varied fields of life and society that are of general interest to students. Other, more specific texts, related to the main majors of this university are also discussed. Students are educated in the discipline of academic reading through learning and exercising various reading techniques and by paying special attention to detail.

Required Readings

Howard, Lori, and Jayme Adelson-Goldstein (2004). *Read and Reflect: Academic Reading Strategies and Cultural Awareness*. Oxford: OUP.

Beatty, Ken (2004). *Read and Think: A Reading Strategies Course*. Oxford: OUP.

Required Additional Materials

Various handouts of newspaper articles related to the class topics

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. properly use and work with an English-English dictionary
2. explicate the meaning of new words in their context
3. differentiate between the various meanings of words

4. understand complex phrases and collocations
5. master and apply reading techniques
6. actively participate in academic discussions of various topics
7. analyze intricate academic texts in-depth
8. properly address comprehension questions

Content of the Course

1. Work Habits in U.S.
2. Immigration in U.S.
3. Diversity in U.S.
4. Media
5. Consumer Awareness
6. Telecommunications
7. Environment and Pollution
8. Gender and Spending
9. Bank Services
10. The Stock Market
11. Franchising
12. Lives of Great Men

Course Requirements

Participation: Each student will be required to take part in reading the text at hand. Proper reading of texts is not merely a matter of correct pronunciation but also a study of new words by making use of the dictionary. In every class you can expect to be asked about new and difficult words that are found in the assigned text. You have to come prepared in class! Also, reading exercises will thoroughly be discussed in class.

Book Presentation: After the midterm, students will choose a book to read and begin preparing for their presentations. All work must be original. Students will be required to think creatively, produce, and present their topic to the class. Specific guidelines will be provided in due time.

Exams: Two examinations will be taken, one during week seven of the course and a final exam covering all course content during the final examination period. Test format may combine a mixture of short answer, true/false, matching words and definitions, sort answer, and one or two essay questions covering *all* readings, lecture, hand-out and class discussion content.

Criteria for Determination of Grade

Participation	20%
Book Presentation	20 %
Midterm	30%
Final	30%

Note: Academic Reading grade accounts for 20% of your ESL final grade.

Grading Scale	96-100 A	90-95 A-	87-89 B+
	83-86 B	80-82 B-	77-79 C+
	73-76 C	70-72 C-	67-69 D+
	63-66 D	60-62 D-	0-59 F

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