A course for the development of reading, writing and vocabulary skills for students of all levels: beginning ESL to native speakers. Open entry/open exit.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. use a dictionary to find correct meanings, forms, and usages.
2. demonstrate improved ability of general English language fluency.
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2. Demonstrate improved ability in reading skills: a. reading for pleasure compared to skimming for information and reading for academic purposes b. sustained silent reading; WP and previewing c. checking reading comprehension; predicting; scanning; skimming d. improving reading speed; clustering word groups; becoming an active reader.
3. Demonstrate improved ability in vocabulary skills: a. using a dictionary to find correct meanings, forms and usages b. deciphering vocabulary from contextual clues c. using vocabulary correctly in original sentences.
4. Demonstrate improved ability in the grammar, mechanics, construction of sentences in and use of English.
5. Demonstrate improved ability to critically respond in writing to a text and analyze the literary merits of a text in terms of: a. intent of the author b. metaphors, similes c. point of view d. setting e. plot f. characterization g. mood h. tone i. theme.

 COURSE CONTENT:

LECTURE CONTENT:
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The procedure leading toward those goals and objectives will be as follows:

A. Student completes the prereading questionnaire.
B. Student meets with an instructor to discuss reading skills, the course procedure and selection of appropriate reading material to meet the student's needs.
C. Students will periodically meet with instructors at least 10 times to discuss their reading experiences, responses to the readings and have questions answered pertaining to reading skills, analysis of literature, grammar skills and vocabulary usage. Ending each of those conferences, students may be given modular assignments appropriate to their level addressing aspects of reading skills, responding to literature, grammar, writing skills and vocabulary usage as listed above under "Course Objectives."
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METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

A. Lab:
B. Independent Study:

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES:

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Reading Assignments

A. Students will be required to spend an average of one hour a week completing the assignments in the modular course. Students may be either referred by a classroom instructor or be self-referred. In either case, they will work with a Writing Center instructor for diagnosis of remediation needs and design of the modular assignment. Components of the course will be drawn from the Course Scope and Content on the previous pages.

Readings and activities will vary according to student remediation needs but will include self-selecting approved reading materials with a focus on materials which the student enjoys but which also expand the student's development of English language fluency and appreciation of literature. Lists of appropriate books and novels and some materials will be available in the Writing Center.

Out-of-class Assignments

When appropriate to their modular course, students will be assigned to read essays for analysis of content or as models for their own writing assignments and to study English handbook lessons. Finally, they may be asked to attend Writing Center seminars on topics included in their modular plan.

Writing Assignments

Activities will vary according to student remediation needs but will include generating sentences, paragraphs and short essays; completing exercises on punctuation, usage and sentence construction; and ongoing consultation with instructor for diagnosis and evaluation of completed work (both classroom and Writing Center assignments).

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:

Written Assignments
Problem Solving Exercises
Skills Demonstration

Demonstration of Critical Thinking:

Students will be given questions appropriate to their level and which require them to apply the concepts of standard English usage to all college writing assignments. Moreover, they will develop critical thinking and problem solving skills in approaching reading assignments and determining the best reading skills to utilize for the material. In approaching writing assignments, they will, appropriate to their level, analyze the content, intent of the author, use of metaphors and similes, point of view, setting, plot, characterization, mood, tone and theme and determine the best method of organizing and presenting their answers in writing.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration:

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TEXTS, READINGS, AND RESOURCES:
LIBRARY:
- Adequate library resources include:
- Comments:

Attachments:
- Attached Files