

English 51

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Basic Reading Skills  
Fall semester, 1998

Office Hours: Mon - 1:00-2:00  
Thurs - 2:00-3:00  
Fri - 10:30-11:30

Class days, time, & location: 9:00-9:50 MWF PHY 75  
Tues. AGR 2  
Thurs. (lab) INC 1

Class days, time, & location: 3:00-3:50 MWThF FRM 10  
Tues. (lab) INC 1

Important dates & Holidays:

- Sept. 7 Labor Day (M)
- Sept. 18 - Last day to change a class to or from a CR-NC grading basis
- October 16 - drop deadline for semester
- November 11 Veterans' Day (W)
- November 26-27 Thanksgiving Day Holidays (Th-F)

Final Exam Date & Time \_\_\_\_\_



## Course Outline and Policies

### I. Goal:

This course is designed to help you understand the reading process and how to apply it to different types of text. We will explore both aesthetic text and informative text. Besides developing reading skills for learning, a major goal of this course will be to develop a stronger interest in reading and a recognition of the importance of this activity in your daily life.

### II. Course Content:

- A. The process of reading
  - 1. What makes a good reader?
    - a. Effective reading/metacognition
    - b. Efficient reading/miscues
  - 2. Reader/Writer Transaction
  - 3. Schema theory
  - 4. Aesthetic reading vs. informative text

The grades earned on your work will be averaged within five categories to determine your final course grade. A percentage point system will be used for all assignments enabling each student to track his/her progress in fulfilling the course requirements. **It is each student's responsibility to keep graded, returned work in their notebook and maintain an accurate account of all grades on the "Student Grade Record".**

Mid-term Grade: I will hand out individual grade reports listing all scores earned before the final drop date of October 16 so you will know your status in my class.

Final Grade: Your final grade will be derived from your averaged scores on all course work in the following areas (each area constituting 20% of your final course grade).

**A. Tests and quizzes (20% of final grade)**

Unit tests and quizzes will be given throughout the semester. Some tests will be in-class tests, and some will be take-home tests. Quizzes will be taken in class.

**B. Book reports (20 % of final grade)**

One group book report and one individual report is required of each student. Detailed information and formats of reports will be provided by the second week of class.

**C. Daily work (20% of final grade)**

Daily work includes a variety of assignments:

- \*Dialogue journals and in-class work
- \*Book summaries (literature books)
- \*Homework
- \*Summary/Response papers (articles)
- \*Group presentations and participation
- \*Lab work

Several assignments will be counted towards the Daily Work portion of your final grade. Absent students, through lack of participation, will receive a "zero" for each missed grade. Make-ups are available, but will be equal in scope to the amount of class time missed.

**D. Semester project (20% of final grade)**

Each student will complete a semester project collecting different types of text. The project will be due towards the end of the semester. Dates and guidelines will be provided early in the semester. The purpose of this project is for you to demonstrate your understanding of the information we will cover in this course.

**E. Final Examination (20% of final grade)**

The final examination for this course will be cumulative. All students must