

English 55: Literacy skills (Course # 1471)  
Credit/No Credit (1-3 units)

Fall 1998  
Instructor Min Zhao

Daily 1:00-1:50: p.m.

T/W/Th/FR SS 36  
Mondays Inc 1

Drop Date: August 28, 1998  
September 4, 1998

*drop deadline*

Required Materials:

- 1) Core Text: Weaving It Together (Book 3), By Milada Broukal
- 2) Extensive Reading Texts: (Writers' Voices)  
Required for all class:
  - Selected From 'Joy Luck Club' (Tan)
  - Selected From 'Kramer vs. Kramer' (Corman)
    - (1) China Men and The Women Warrior
    - (2) I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings and The Heart of A Woman
    - (3) Bless Me, Ultima
    - (4) The Best of Dear Abby
- 3) A good English dictionary
- 4) A bound journal notebook

Course Description:

This course covers a variety of group and individual skills development activities designed to promote learner independence in decoding, word recognition, and reading comprehension.

Course Content and Objectives:

- A. Word Attack Skills: In this class you will practice (1) sounding out new words. (2) figuring out meanings of new words from the sentences and paragraphs they appear in, and (3) applying knowledge of word parts in order to determine the meaning and function of new words.
- B. Vocabulary Skills: You will learn to (1) use vocabulary through the study of synonyms and antonyms in context. (2) use the dictionary effectively, and (3) figure out the meaning of a word by using context clues.
- C. Comprehension Skills: You will learn to (1) recognize a stated main idea and supporting details in a reading passage. (2) understand the logical order of information in a reading passage, and (3) infer basic information and draw conclusions from clues and direct statements.

Grades and Credit: This is a Credit /No Credit class. Each of the following will count for a fourth of your final grade:

Homework & Group Work	50%
Chapter Tests & Novels	25%
Final Exam	25%

A percentage of the total points will be computed and a grade of Credit or No credit will be assigned to the following:

80-100%	=	3 Units Credit
70-79%	=	2 Units Credit
60-69%	=	1 Units Credit
0-60%	=	No Credit

Students can determine their progress at any time by arranging to discuss it with their instructor.

Attendance: You need to attend class regularly. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what assignment you have missed and to make up the work as soon as possible so you don't fall behind. More than eight (8) absences may result in No Credit.

Late Work: Points will be deducted for any late work.

Holidays: Monday, September 7; Labor Day

Wednesday, November 11; Veteran's Day

Thursday/Friday, November 26/27; Thanksgiving Day