**Syllabus for English 126 REEDLEY COLLEGE Fall 2012**

**Semester: Fall 2012 Instructor: Linda Galicia**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

 This course develops reading skills for college-level proficiencies in vocabulary usage, literal comprehension, and analytical and critical comprehension. You will experience various reading and reporting strategies for different styles of academic writing. The course will also emphasize reading as a problem-solving process. It is my hope that this course will encourage you to become active readers in your daily lives along with preparing you for you academic career.

**Required Texts:** The Master Reader 3rd edition

Novel: 3 to 4 interesting fiction books that are not based on a movie.

 Other: English Dictionary such as Webster’s World Dictionary

(Must be brought to class)

 Three-ring loose- leaf notebook

 Memory Stick for home to computer lab

**Learning Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of this course, you should be able to:

* Use effective techniques to learn the meanings of new words you find in college-level, academic reading materials.

* Understand and analyze college-level, academic reading materials.

* Demonstrate confidence in gaining important information from reading independently.

**Grading and Course Policies**

English 126 is a four-unit course. This class is offered on a graded basis with a credit/no credit option. A percentage point system will be used for all assignments, including exams, enabling each student to track their progress in fulfilling the course requirements.

It is every student’s responsibility to keep all graded and returned work and to maintain an accurate account of all grades. You may be able to check your grades on Blackboard throughout the semester.

**Percentage of Grades:**

**Daily Work\*** includes in-class assignments, textbook exercises, as well as group and individual participation. All homework assignments are to be completed before class.

 **Your class grade will be based on the following categories. Please note: (The grading policy may change at any time and all students will be notified.)**

**Tests and Quizzes 20% Reading Responses 15%**

 **Final Exam 10% Article Summary Assignments 15%**

**Daily Work\* 30% Group Project 10%**

**\*Daily work includes in-class assignments, textbook exercises, as well as group and individual participation.**

**Grading Scale: A= 90-100; B=80%-89%; C=70%-79%; D=60%-69%; F= 59% and below**

**Assignment Policies:**

1. **Formatting Guidelines**

All out of class work will be submitted in a clean, typed condition and will follow Modern Language Association (MLA) guidelines: Times New roman, 1-inch margins, double-spaced, 12-font. Any exceptions will be noted in advance.

1. **Homework**

Due at the beginning of class, unless previously arranged. Your lowest grade on the “Homework” category will be dropped.

1. **Late Work**

Late assignments will not be accepted.

1. **Reading Responses**

You will be doing many in-class and out of class writings and reading responses. These will be your reflections on a variety of topics and questions that are assigned in class. These assignments will help you to understand the readings as well as your own reading processes. Some of these writings will be done by hand in class, but **all** out of class entries, will be **typed** using **MLA format.**

**Class Policies**

1. **Attendance:**

 Students are expected to attend all class meetings, be on time, and be in class the entire session. Calling the instructor to tell them you will be absent does not excuse you. Students leaving class before the end of class will be counted as being absent!

Your attendance is an integral part of being successful in college. Regular attendance is required in this class. Regular means that you **attend every class,** complete your homework before class, read and study your assigned work before class and be **prepared to volunteer** in all class activities.

Remember, absences from class make success extremely difficult. It reduces your contributions to the class, slows you progress in reading, lowers your grade through missed daily in class work. (Remember, you will receive a zero for each missed assignment.)

 **For this reason the following rules apply:**

1. Six hours of class time absences may result in not being able to catch up with all the course requirements. Furthermore, if you decide to drop the course, it is your responsibility to make the drop official in the Administrations and Records office or else possibly receive a grade of F.
2. Consideration will be given to students in the case of civic responsibilities (jury duty, NATIONAL Guard service) or religious observance-let me know if you must miss for those reasons (documentation will be required
3. If you miss a class session, you are responsible for all material covered and assignments given **during** your absence. It is also your responsibility to acquire a copy of any material distributed during your absence. Check online, or borrow another student’s handout to make your own copy.
4. **Participation**

All students will be participating in small and large groups on a regular basis, including discussions, sharing reading responses, and completing group projects. A majority of the class will be spent in different types of interaction with each other. You will be expected to participate and contribute meaningfully within all these areas. This means that you need to come prepared with the material that has been assigned, including readings, text book assignments, reading responses, and writing assignments. This also means asking questions about things you don’t understand and by answering questions asked of you by the instructor. **Be prepared and come ready to participate!**

1. **Final Examination**

All students **must** take the final examination to receive credit for the course. Except in unusual cases of illness or family distress, final examinations will be administered only according to the “Spring Schedule” in the current Schedule of Courses. The time and date will not be changed to accommodate holiday or travel arrangement or employment schedules.

**4. Professionalism**

The classroom is a ***special environment*** in which students and faculty come together to promote learning and growth. It is imperative to the learning environment that all students will demonstrate common courtesy to the instructor and other students. This includes clean language, respect for the rights, viewpoints, and opinions of others, thereby creating an environment in which students and faculty may learn to reason with clarity and compassion, to share of themselves without losing their identities, and to develop an understanding of the community in which they live. Student conduct which disrupts\* the learning process shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary actions and/or removal from class.

\*This disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to, outbursts, talking while others speak, individual conversations, or any behavior that interferes in any way with classroom activities and learning.

**On a very important note turn off all electronic devices while in class. Failure to comply will result in removal from class.**

Silence such things before class begins and put them away. If you must make a call or a text, please quietly step outside to do so. Finally, do not do work for other classes during lecture or in-class activities. I want you to get the full benefit of your educational experience in this class.

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

If you have special needs as addressed by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), please notify me immediately. Reasonable effort will be made to accommodate you special needs.

**Behavioral Standards: Please take care of your personal needs (i.e., using the restroom, getting a drink, sharpening a pencil) before class begins. Please turn your phone off when entering the class. You may not use your phone during class time!!**

**Homework: Most homework will be collected. Each assignment collected will be graded on completeness, neatness, and effort. Homework should be written on one side of a standard sized paper 8.5” x 11”. Please do not use spiral paper and staple all your work in the upper left-hand corner. Record the class name, your name, homework (chapter, sections, page numbers and problems), and date on each homework assignment. On graded homework, a selected amount of problems will be graded. You will also be given homework checks.**

**Note: The final drop deadline is Friday, October 12. Letter grades will be assigned after this date.**

**Academic Dishonesty Statement:**

**Cheating….is bad, so don’t do it!!!!!!!**

 **“Cheating is the act or attempted act of taking an examination or performing an assigned, evaluated task in a fraudulent or deceptive manner, such as having improper access to answers, in an attempt to gain an unearned academic advantage. Cheating may include but is not limited to copying from another’s work, supplying one’s work to another, giving or receiving copies of examinations without an instructor’s permission, using or displaying notes or devices inappropriate to the conditions of the examination, allowing someone other than the officially enrolled student to represent the student, or failing to disclose research results completely”**

**(College Catalog). The first infraction will result in a failing grade on the assignment; a subsequent infraction will result in a failing grade in the course and the incident will be documented and filed in your permanent record.**

**Plagiarism…is also bad, so don’t do it!!!**

**“Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating: the use of another’s words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source (using citations, which we will cover in class). Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify the contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or failing to observe computer security systems and software copyrights” (College Catalog). I do not tolerate plagiarism; and anyone caught plagiarizing will receive a failing grade in the course and the incident will be documented and files in your permanent record.**

 **“Because cheating, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities erode the integrity of the college, each student is expected to exert an entirely honest effort in all academic endeavors. Academic dishonesty in any form is a very serious offense and will incur serious consequences.”**

 **(RC Catalog page 44)**

 **Classroom Use Policies**

The college does not allow eating or drinking in class. I don’t allow it either; this includes candy. Covered beverage containers may be left by the **door** for you to pick up on your way out.

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**Important Dates:**

August 13 (Mon.): Start of Fall 2010

August 31: Last day to register for a full-term fall class in person

August 31: Last day to drop a fall full-term class to avoid a “W” in person.

September 3: Labor Day (no classes held, campus closed)

September 14: Last day to change a fall class to/from a P/NP grading basis

October 12: Last day to drop a full-term class (letter grades assigned after this date)

November 12 Veterans Day (no classes held, campus is open)

November 22-23 Thanksgiving holiday (no classes held, campus closed)

December 10-14 Final exams week

December 14 End of Fall semester.

**Final Exams for English 126 Section # 52836 Soc 39 December 10, 2012 12:00-1:50**

**Final Exams for English 126 Section #52838 Phy 75 December 10, 2012 2:00-3:50**