

**ENGLISH 126 (SPRING 2016)
COLLEGE READING SKILLS**

Course #56795 TTH 6:00-7:50 PHYS 75

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Text: *10 Steps to Advanced Reading 2nd ed.* By John Langan

Materials: A good college level dictionary

Black or blue pen for essays in class

Standard 8 ½ x 11 college ruled notebook paper

Folder for essays, tests, etc.

Course Description: This course is to develop the students' basic reading skills into college-level proficiency in the areas of vocabulary usage, literal comprehension, and critical reading skills. Students will be trained to use various reading and analyzing strategies for different writing styles. The class emphasizes reading and writing as a problem solving process.

Course Requirements:

- 1) Class participation
- 2) Excessive absences [4] will lead to failing the class
- 3) Habitual lateness will lead to being dropped from the class
- 4) Assignments are due on their due date
- 5) Outside reading will be required along with possible research
- 6) Critical thinking and writing skills are necessary for all assignments
- 7) Evidence of plagiarism or cheating will result in an F and reported to the dean
- 8) In class tests cannot be made up later

Grading:

- 1) Class participation 15%
- 2) Summaries and writing responses 70%
- 3) Quizzes, tests, text exercises 15%
- 4) 100-90% = A
89-80% = B
79-70% = C
69-60% = D
50-0% = F

General Information:

- 1) Writing will be in academic style---MLA format.
- 2) All opinions and positions must be supported by legitimate sources.
- 3) Cell phones are to be off and are not allowed in class. I will collect them during testing.
- 4) If you have special needs of any kind, please let me know.
- 5) I may alter this syllabus; it is meant as a guide.

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SPRING 2016 SCHEDULE

Week #1 Jan 11-15	Introduction Class rules, syllabus, schedule Reading and writing sample
Week #2 Jan 18-22	Vocabulary Quiz Text: Introduction (Quiz?) Reading/writing assignments Outside reading: Chapter 1
Week #3 Jan 25-29	Vocabulary Quiz Text: Chapter 1 (Quiz) Reading/writing assignments Outside reading: Chapter 2
Week #4 Feb 1-5	Vocabulary Quiz Text: Chapter 2 (Quiz) Reading/writing assignments Outside reading: Chapter 3
Week #5 Feb 8-12	Vocabulary Quiz Text: Chapter 3 (Quiz) Reading/writing assignments Outside reading: Chapter 4 & 5
Week #6 Feb 15-19	Vocabulary Quiz Text: Chapter 4 (Quiz) Reading/writing assignments Outside reading: Chapter 6
Week #7 Feb 22-26	Vocabulary Quiz Text: Chapter 5 (Quiz) Reading/writing assignments Outside reading: Chapter 7
Week #8 Feb/Mar 29-4	Vocabulary Quiz Text: Chapter 6 (Quiz) Reading/writing assignments Outside reading: Chapter 8
Week #9 Mar 7-11	Vocabulary Quiz Text: Chapter 7 (Quiz) Reading/writing assignments Outside reading: Chapter 9

Week #10
Mar 14-18

Vocabulary Quiz
Text: Chapter 8 (Quiz)
Reading/writing assignments
Outside reading: Chapter 10

EASTER BREAK

Week #11
Mar 28-Apr 1

Vocabulary Quiz
Text: Chapter 8 (Quiz)
Reading/writing assignments
Outside reading: Chapters 11 & 12

Week #12
Apr 4-8

Vocabulary Quiz
Text: Chapter 9 (Quiz)
Reading/writing assignments
Outside reading: Chapter 13

Week #13
Apr 11-15

Vocabulary Quiz
Text: Chapter 9 (Quiz)
Reading/writing assignments
Outside reading: Chapter 14

Week #14
Apr 18-22

Vocabulary Quiz
Text: Chapter 10 (Quiz)
Reading/writing assignments
Outside reading: Chapter 15

Week #15
Apr 25-29

Vocabulary Quiz
Text: Chapter 10 (Quiz)
Reading/writing assignments
Outside reading: Chapter 16

Week #16
May 2-6

Vocabulary Quiz
Text: Chapter:Part 4 (Quiz)
Reading/writing assignments
Outside reading: Discussion/Assignment

Week #17
May 9-13

Vocabulary Review Test
Text Review
Final Preparation

Week #18
May 16-20

Final Exam
Tuesday May 17th 6:00-8:00 OR Wednesday 18th 10:00-12:00