CRITICAL READING
ENGLISH 1470

3 CREDITS

Syllabus

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Critical Reading is designed for all students wanting to improve their reading skills and further enhance their opportunities for success in college. The emphasis is on increasing speed, comprehension, and vocabulary. This course is strongly recommended for students planning to seek higher degrees.

PRE-REQUISITES:

To be enrolled in the Critical Reading class students must score at least 12 on the ACT reading section or have successfully completed the Basics 0470 course.

GOAL:

Good reading skills are critical to success in the academic world. The reading demands placed on students in post-secondary education can be overwhelming. The goal of this course is to help students develop their reading skills up to the college level, and beyond.

OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be expected to read at a minimum of 250 words per minute with 70% or better comprehension. They will also be expected to read college-level material with 80% or better comprehension, untimed. This will be accomplished through instruction in the areas of vocabulary development, comprehension skills, and reading speed. Students will understand how "transition" (connecting) words and phrases are used to link sentences in a logical paragraph. Students will understand how cause-effect, contrast, emphasis, order and other types of relationships are used to link sentences in a logical paragraph. Students will be able to comprehend the order (sequence) of things described in a written passage. Students will be able to make a diagram showing the order of several things described in a complex written passage.

MATERIALS:

Textbook – Ten Steps to Advanced Reading , by John Langan.

Reading Books - Students will be required to read two books during the semester. Both will be self-selected from the class book list. Students may purchase books, or they may check out books from the library to fulfill this requirement. For certain assignments we will be using current copies of the New York Times. You will be notified in advance.

CLASS STRUCTURE:

Critical Reading courses meet Monday through Thursday. Attendance and punctuality are important. Approximately 15% of a student's grade is based on work completed the first 20 minutes of class. Typical sessions will begin with group instruction. Students will then spend the remainder of the instructional period working on independent "level" assignments with the instructor available for assistance

ASSIGNMENTS:

Participation -Critical Reading is designed primarily as a lab course. However, there will be at least one group activity each day. This will be the group instructional time at the beginning of each class session. Participation grades will reflect student involvement in these activities.

Levels and Level Tests - Each student will progress through ten levels of instruction in the program. Each level will have a different focus. Upon completion of each level students will present their work to the instructor and be given a level test to demonstrate proficiency. **Book Tests** - All students are required to complete two books during the term, from the class list. After you have read the book, you will be given a short test, on lab days (Thursday), on an appointment basis. **The first book is due by or before Feb.18. The second is due by Apr.24**. **You are encouraged not to wait until the last day.**

ATTENDANCE:

Attending class daily is critical to success in Critical Reading. It is difficult to make up work time missed and meet exit level standards with poor attendance. Attendance for tests is mandatory. Tests may not be up unless the instructor has been notified, in advance, of the absence and specific arrangements are made. **Please turn off cell phones while in class.**

GRADING:

Point Distribution:

Ten Level Assignments	@ 100 pts.	=	1000	pts.
Ten Level Tests	@ 100 pts.	=	1000	pts.
Two Book Reports	@ 200 pts.	=	400	pts.
Mid-Term Vocabulary	@ 100 pts.	=	100	pts.
Participation		=	300	pts.
Final Test - Vocabulary		=	300	pts.
Timed Readings		=	400	pts.
	TOTAL		3500	pts.

Grade Distribution:

3500 - 3150	pts. =	A
3149 - 3040	pts. =	B+
3039 - 2911	pts. =	B
2910 - 2800	pts. =	B-
2799 - 2690	pts. =	C+
2689 - 2551	pts. =	C
2550 – 2450	pts. =	C-
2449 – 2100	pts. =	D
Below 2100	pts. =	F

Important DSC dates to remember (for course dates, see schedule on the course website):

Jan 7	Classwork Starts
Jan 10	Last Day to Waitlist
Jan 11	Last Day to Add Without Signature
Jan 14	Drop/Audit Fee Begins ($10 per class)
Jan 16	Residency Application Deadline
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 22	$50 Late Registration/Payment Fee
Jan 29	Pell Grant Census
Jan 29	Last Day for Refund
Jan 29	Last Day to drop without receiving a "W" grade
Jan 30	Courses dropped for non-payment
Feb 1	Last Day to Add/Audit
Feb 1	Associate's degree Graduation Deadline - Spring 2013
Feb 18	President's Day
Feb 25	Mid-Term Grades Due
Mar 1	Last Day to Drop Individual Class
Mar 1	Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Summer 2013
Mar 11-15	Spring Break
Mar 18	Fall 2013 Class schedule available online
Mar 18	Summer Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)
Mar 19	Summer Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
Mar 20	Summer Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
Mar 21	Summer Registration open to all students
Mar 29	Last Day for Complete Withdrawal
Apr 1	Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Fall 2013
Apr 8	Fall Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)
Apr 9	Fall Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
Apr 10	Fall Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
Apr 11	Fall Registration open to all students
Apr 24	Classwork Ends
Apr 25	Reading Day
Apr 26	Final Exams
Apr 29-30, May 1	Final Exams

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Exams and Chapter Quizzes: Exams and chapter quizzes must be taken in class on the day they are administered. No make-up quizzes or exams will be given. For this reason, attendance in class on those dates is essential to your success. Carefully reading your assignments is important since you may be quizzed on any material assigned and/or discussed prior to that date. **Absences Related to College Functions:** In accordance with Dixie State's policy, students may be excused from class for legitimate college functions such as athletics and student activities leadership activities. However, any work and/or quizzes or exams that may take place during the student's absence must be completed before the student leaves for the required activity.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty in any form is not tolerated at Dixie State College, including but not limited to plagiarism on written assignments, submitting other person's work as one's own, and cheating on exams or quizzes. Teachers at Dixie State College may discipline students proven guilty of academic dishonesty by: (1) giving a failing grade on the specific assignment where dishonesty occurred, (2) failing the student in the entire course, (3) Immediately dismissing and removing the student from the course, and/or (4) Referring the student to Student Affairs, a committee which may reprimand, place on probation, suspend, and/or expel the student. (See DSC Policy 34.1.1-4).

Disabilities Statement: If you are a student with a medical, psychological or a learning difference and requesting reasonable academic accommodations due to this disability, you must provide an official request of accommodation to your professor(s) from the Disability Resource Center within the first two weeks of the beginning of classes. Students are to contact the center on the main campus to follow through with, and receive assistance in the documentation process to determine the appropriate accommodations related to their disability. You may call (435) 652-7516 for an appointment and further information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The office is located in the Student Services Center, Room #201 of the Edith Whitehead Building.

Library, Writing Center, and Testing Center statements can be found on the Internet at the following links:

— Library http://library.dixie.edu
— Writing Center http://new.dixie.edu/english/dsc_writing_center.php
— Testing Center http://new.dixie.edu/testing

. **Dmail statement:** Important class and college information will be sent to your Dmail email account. This information includes your DSC bill, financial aid/scholarship notices, notification of dropped classes, reminders of important dates and events, and other information critical to your success in this class and at DSC. All DSC students are automatically assigned a Dmail email account. If you don't know your user name and password, go to www.dixie.edu and select "Dmail," for complete instructions. You will be held responsible for information sent to your Dmail email, so please check it often.

Tutoring Center: The Tutoring Center is located in the Holland Building. The tutoring schedule is posted at the sign-in desk in the Tutoring Center. For more information go to http://dsc.dixie.edu/tutoring/index.htm

Library: The Dixie College Library has many of the titles on the book report list. Choose early! For more information concerning the library and hours of operation go to http://library.dixie.edu/.

Writing Center: The Writing Center is located in the Holland Building if you need assistance with a written assignment in any class. For more information go to http://new.dixie.edu/english/dsc_writing_center.php.

Tutoring Center: The Tutoring Center is located in the Holland Building. Drop-in mathematics tutoring is available. The tutoring schedule is posted at the sign-in desk in the Tutoring Center. For more information go to http://dsc.dixie.edu/tutoring/index.htm.

Testing Center: For more information go to http://new.dixie.edu/testing/.

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Computer Lab: The Computer Lab is located in the Smith Computer Center. For more information go to http://new.dixie.edu/cit/cis/.

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Respect for Others: To avoid disrupting the work of others, please plan to arrive at class on time and be prepared to work (i.e., have your pencil, eraser, book, paper, homework, and calculator). Additionally, please feel free to offer your opinions and questions to the class, but do not carry on side discussions. Cell phones should be turned off during class and please refrain from text messaging. In general, students may not engage in an activity which the

instructor deems disruptive or counter-productive to the goals of the class. Instructors have the responsibility to remove offending students from the class. Repetition of offensive behavior may result in expulsion from the class.

Rebelmail: Important class and college information will be sent to your Rebelmail email account. This information includes your DSC bill, financial aid/scholarship notices, notification of dropped classes, reminders of important dates and events, and other information critical to your success in this class and at DSC. All DSC students are automatically assigned a Rebelmail email account. If you do not know your user name and password, go to www.dixie.edu and select "Rebelmail" for complete instructions. You will be held responsible for information sent to your Rebelmail email, so please check it often.

Receiving your grades at the end of the semester: Your course letter grade will be posted on the internet grading program as soon as the Final Exam has been graded and the overall course average calculated. This usually occurs within 48 hours after the Final Exam has been taken.

Changing your schedule: It is your responsibility, as the student, to ensure the accuracy of your class schedule**.** Be sure to check at the beginning of the semester and after every change you make to your schedule. Run a hard copy and keep it!

Withdrawing from or dropping a class: If you never attend a class, the instructor may withdraw you from it. If you attend even one day, the instructor cannot withdraw you from the class. Since not all instructors will withdraw you for non-attendance, you should take care of that transaction for yourself by going to the registration window. If you quit attending and do not withdraw from the class, you will receive a WF which averages into your GPA as an F.

Complete Withdrawal: Dropping all classes by phone or online does not withdraw you from the college and you may receive all F's. You must contact the Advisement Center, complete a withdrawal form, and surrender your student ID card.

Changes: Although unlikely, this syllabus and/or the assignment schedule may be changed if deemed necessary by the instructor. All changes will be announced in class. Absenteeism is no excuse for not being aware of the changes.