

ELP 042/018 – INTERMEDIATE READING SYLLABUS

Class Times: M T W R 8:00-9:20am
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Course Description

ELP 042 is a reading course that focuses on skills and strategies for effective academic reading. Students at this level are expected to read extensively, both inside and outside the classroom, in order to improve and refine their reading skills. You will practice a number of reading strategies for reading faster, understanding vocabulary in context and will practice using strategic reading skills. Discussion and small group work will follow reading selections to help you develop critical reading and thinking skills.

Textbook

Active Skills for Reading: Book 3, second edition (Thomson Heinle)
Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary (7th edition)
A notebook

Assignments and Course Activities

- **In-class Active book:** In class, we will practice strategies from our textbook. We will also supplement this book with other articles and activities based on the novels we read.
- **News Article Presentations (Tuesdays and Thursdays):** Read a news article. Find one that you can understand the main idea. Print it out and bring it to class. Be prepared to give a short summary to your classmates.
- **Reading Portfolio (ongoing):** You will be required to read _____ pages during the semester. You can choose what to read, but you must bring it to class and have your instructor approve it. For each book you read, you must fill out a book report form and give a short oral presentation to your classmates.
- **Novel Study:** We will study at least two novels together as a class. This will not count for your reading portfolio. You will need to read specific chapters and complete various assignments based on the novel. This should be a fun part of the class.
- **Additional Readings and Assignments (ongoing):** You will be given several articles and readings throughout the semester. Each time, you will be given a quiz in class, to check to see if you have read the article.

Grading

A minimum of 70% on quizzes and tests, regular attendance, completing homework assignments, and participating in group and class discussions.

Rules and Policies

1. Attend class every day. If you are unable to attend class, call or email your instructor, or talk to your instructor before you need to be absent. See attendance policy for more details.
2. Be on time for class and participate. Your success and the success of your peers in this course are influenced by your prompt attendance and participation. You are expected to participate in class and in groups.
3. Do all of your work, and do it on time! You must complete all of your homework and in-class work for this course on the day it is due. When you return to class after an absence, it is your responsibility to talk to your instructor before or after class to find out which work you have missed.
4. Do not plagiarize. All of your work must be your work, not someone else's. Do not ask friends, roommates, or anyone else to do your work. Plagiarism may result in failure.
5. ENGLISH ONLY.
6. TURN CELL PHONES OFF in classrooms.
7. NO EATING.

Breaking any of these rules will result in negative points.