

REA 0017C, COLLEGE PREP READING II
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Course Syllabus-All Sections

*"Reading furnishes the mind only with materials for knowledge;
it is **thinking** that makes what we read ours."*—John Locke

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REQUIRED MATERIALS

- *Reading Across the Disciplines, Custom Edition Valencia Community College, McWhorter* (packaged together with *Thinking Through the Test*.)
- REA 0002 Lab Learning Book Insert
- A ring binder (at least 1")
- a college level dictionary and thesaurus (recommended)
- Scantrons-Form 882-ES (1 package)

THESE TEXTS ARE WORKBOOKS; PURCHASE UNMARKED COPIES.

Read this syllabus carefully. It is a contract; by accepting the syllabus, you agree to meet its requirements. If you have any disabilities or special requirements, please let me know as soon as possible. This information will be kept in strict confidence.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

REA 0002 (College Prep Reading II) develops reading and thinking skills that are necessary for success in college classes. This course will emphasize critical (inferential), rather than literal, reading skills. Due to the emphasis on critical comprehension, this course is as much a course in **thinking** as it is in reading. Reading is a skill--a means rather than an end--and like all skills, practice is necessary to achieve mastery. Thus, three hours of classroom instruction plus lab support are requirements for successful completion of this course. Students are also encouraged to read **extensively** outside of lab and class. This course reinforces the following Valencia graduate competencies:

- Think clearly, critically, and creatively. Analyze, synthesize, and evaluate in many domains of human inquiry.
- Communicate with different audiences using varied and appropriate methods (oral, written, visual/graphic, non-verbal).
- Make reasoned value judgments and responsible commitments.
- Act purposefully, reflectively, and responsibly in the context of adult life (personal, professional, community).

CLAS READING SKILLS AND VALENCIA STUDENT OUTCOMES

Evidence of College Level Academic Skills (CLAS) is a graduation requirement. To the extent possible, you will be encouraged to develop reading skills, essay

skills, and English language skills as part of your work in this course. Additional information is available in the current Valencia College Catalog.

PREREQUISITES

Completion of REA 0001 with a grade of "C" or better or a score of 60 - 82 on the reading portion of the CPT or other equivalent scores on other state-approved entry tests.

READING SKILLS GOALS

- Become an independent, active reader
- Develop "successful student" behaviors that will also help you in other classes
- Effectively manage your time (which also means your homework will be expected on time!)
- Efficiently read textbooks
- Improve test taking skills
- Increase your vocabulary
- Become a critical thinker and reader

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is required in class. You are expected to attend all sessions regularly, be on time, and complete all assigned work. Class attendance and participation are significant factors that promote college success.

- Students are allowed to miss the equivalent of one week's worth of class. . Thus, a student in a class that meets two times per week would be allowed **two absences**.
- Excessive absences will negatively affect your grade in this course. If you are more than 10 minutes tardy, you will be counted as being absent for the purpose of computing the attendance portion of your grade.
- If you do not exceed the number of allowable absences stipulated above, you will get a 100% for the attendance portion of your grade.
- If you reach or exceed the allowable number of absences, the following scores will be given for attendance.

<u># of absences</u>	<u>Score</u>
2 or less	100%
3	50%
4	0% and you will be withdrawn from this course

- If you are more than 10 minutes tardy to a class, you will be counted as absent. Plan on being on time every day, ready to begin learning.
- I reserve the right to lock the door to the classroom ten minutes after class begins, at my discretion.

- Absences are defined as missing a class period for any reason (including, but not limited to tardiness, illness, hospitalization, death in the family, out-of-town travel, and religious holidays). If you are absent, you cannot learn. (Hint: If you have extenuating circumstances, the best strategy is to get in touch with me immediately.)
- You cannot pass REA 0002 if you do not participate in lab and complete at least 70% of the assignments stipulated by your individual learning plan.
- If you receive a "W" because of excessive absences, you must register for this course again next session.

CLASSROOM PROTOCOL

- I expect that students will be on time for class and will be prepared for class. Important announcements, including assignments, are given at the beginning of class. If students are late, they miss vital information and disrupt the class as they enter.
- **If you are absent** the day an assignment is given, the due date will not be extended. Students are responsible for finding out what they missed. However, unless notified, we will be following the class calendar that you receive with this syllabus. If in doubt, refer to the class calendar if you are absent.
- Cellular phones and pagers **must be turned off** during class and lab. If I see you using your phone in any manner, including text messaging you will be considered absent.
- No food or drink should be brought into classrooms or any computer labs.
- Classroom disruptions, including disrespect toward the professor or other students will not be tolerated. Side discussions while the professor is talking and personal discussions during collaborative and cooperative group activities are considered disruptions.

This class will be conducted according to the acceptable behavior standards detailed in the Student Code of Conduct. The policy includes a summary of academic demeanor/standards, which will not be tolerated. If anyone is unfamiliar with this policy, it can be found on Valencia's website in the "Current Students" - "General Information" and "Student Handbook". It will be consulted for student review in cases of academic distractions in the classroom or lab.

Please see the next page for the link.

Student Code of Conduct Link:

<http://www.valenciacc.edu/generalcounsel/policydetail.cfm?RecordID=180>