

**El Paso Community College**  
**Syllabus**  
**Part II**  
**Official Course Description**

<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<b>Reading</b>								
<b>COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER</b>	<b>READ 0308</b>								
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>Reading in the Content Area</b>								
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**I. Catalog Description**

Develops ability to read in the content areas, focusing on comprehension skills, vocabulary improvement, and flexibility in reading rate. An exit reading level of tenth grade and a “C” or better will be required for completion of this course. May not be counted toward graduation requirements. **Prerequisite: READ 0307 or by placement exam. (3:0).**

**II. Course Objectives**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will at a minimum level at 70%, be able to:

- A. Read at a minimum of tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) grade reading level as measured by an appropriate standardized test or on a reading selection chosen by the Reading Department.
- B. Use the context of a passage and structural analysis to determine the meaning of words with multiple meanings, unfamiliar and uncommon words and phrases, and figurative expressions.
- C. Develop college-level vocabulary as determined by the student and instructor.
- D. Identify directly stated and implied main ideas of paragraphs and passages.
- E. Identify ideas that support, illustrate, or elaborate the main ideas of a passage.
- F. Analyze the relationship among ideas in written material by identifying the following patterns of organization and the transitions that relate to the patterns:
  - 1. Sequence of events or steps
  - 2. Cause and effect and problem/solution
  - 3. Comparison
  - 4. Contrast
  - 5. Example(s), Illustration(s)
  - 6. List of items, classification
- G. Identify a writer's purpose, tone, point of view and intended meaning.
- H. Apply the following critical reasoning skills to evaluate written material:
  - 1. Judge the relevance of facts, examples, or graphic data to a writer's argument.
  - 2. Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion.
  - 3. Assess the credibility and objectivity of the writer or source of written material.
- I. Make inferences and draw conclusions from information stated or implied in passage.

- J. Apply the following study skills to reading assignments:
  - 1. Organize (outline and map) and summarize information.
  - 2. Use skimming and scanning techniques to locate key ideas and specific information.
  - 3. Learn to use a variety of note-taking methods.
- K. Complete lab exercises and homework assignments as assigned by the instructor.

**III. Evaluation**

**A. Pre-assessment:**

A reading placement test will be administered to determine the student's reading level. The results will be used to assure that the student is assigned the appropriate reading laboratory materials.

**B. Post-assessment:**

A departmental post-assessment will be administered to determine whether the student attained tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) grade reading level. If the student does not attain this level, he/she will be given the opportunity to attain such on a second department prepared test. A student cannot be assigned a passing grade without having attained a tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) grade reading level or its equivalent.

**C. Grading Assignments and Criteria:**

Upon attainment of tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) grade reading level, grades will be assigned according to the criteria that follows:

<u>Weighing</u>		<u>Grading Scale</u>	
Exams	55%	A= 90-100	I=Incomplete
Assignments	20%	B= 80-89	W=Withdraw
Lab-Type Activities	20%	C= 70-79	
Participation	<u>5%</u>	D=60-69	
TOTAL	100%	F= Below 60	

**D. Attendance, Course Pursuit, Classroom Management, and Reinstatement**

1. Attendance:

- a. Students are expected to attend classes regularly beginning the first day of class. An accurate record of student attendance will be kept by the instructor. It is the student's responsibility to consult with the instructor regarding absences. **Students can be dropped after six hours of absence.** Attendance records are considered and reported to the Registrar's Office whenever the instructor initiates a drop.
- b. Instructors are authorized to refuse to admit students to class who are tardy when such admittance would be disruptive to activities in progress (e.g. examinations and structured activities).

2. Course Pursuit:

A student may also be dropped from a course for: (1) disruptive behavior or (2) failure to produce sufficient course assignments required for grading such that it has become evident that the student is no longer in active pursuit of the course objectives.

3. Classroom Management:

It is the instructor's responsibility to maintain an environment in the classroom which is conducive to learning and class participation by all students. Unruly and uncooperative behavior by any student will not be tolerated (student should refer to the *Student Code of Conduct*). The instructor has full authority to deny a student admittance to class for reason of disruptive behavior. Only persons who are registered and enrolled as students in the class are authorized admittance.

Reinstatement:

The student may seek reinstatement through written appeal. The appeal must be directed to the instructor within ten days from the date of the drop. If the instructor denies the appeal, further appeal may be made directly to the appropriate Dean

**IV. Disability Statement (American with/Disabilities Act [ADA])**

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

**V. 6 Drop Rule**

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.