



Lincoln University
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: **Intensive Academic English Preparation**
(IAEP) III -- Reading Comprehension

Credit: Non-credit

Prerequisite(s): None

Semester: Fall 2015 – Thursdays - 3:30-5:10

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Instructional Materials and References

Required text:

Richards, Jack C. and Samuela Eckstut-Didier. (2012) *Strategic reading 1: Building effective reading skills* (2nd ed). New York: Cambridge University. (ISBN: 978-0-521-28112-6)

Recommended texts:

Dictionary, thesaurus

Description

Students will improve reading comprehension and rate; they will increase vocabulary through assigned readings, word study exercises, and discussions. Readings deal with a variety of subjects, including American culture, and academic and personal issues.

Course Objectives

Students will develop reading skills for functional communicative purposes, in context-centered study and expansions.

Students will demonstrate improved reading comprehension skills through selected communications, quizzes, tests (pre and post) and exercises (class and text-based).

Instructional Methods

A cooperative learning model is employed. Small group and individual discovery exercises and presentations will augment more formal presentations, discussion and applications.

Topical Outline

Reading selections are of immediate academic and socio-cultural relevance. Among topics included are: music, money, work, sports, weather, culture, and the Internet

Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to consistently attend class punctually and fully (arriving on time and leaving the classroom only at the scheduled break and end times). Successful students participate in individual and group work in a productive manner, prepare and perform well on classwork, complete assignments according to schedule and at an appropriate level, and take personal responsibility for meeting the objectives of the course.

SCHEDULE

Week		Unit	Topic
1	8/27/2015	Overview	Introduction
2	9/3/2015	Unit I	Culture
3	9/10/2015	Unit I	Culture
4	9/17/2015	Unit II	Money
5	9/24/2015	Unit III	Sports
6	10/1/2015	Unit IV	Music
7	10/8/2015	Unit V	Animals
8	10/15/2015	Unit VI	Travel
9	10/22/2015	Unit VII	The Internet
10	10/29/2015	Unit VIII	Friends

11	11/5/2015	Unit IX	Gifts
12	11/12/2015	Unit X	Emotions
13	11/19/2015	Unit XI	Food
	11/24-28	Fall Recess	
14	12/1/2015	Unit XII	Sleep and Dreams
15	12/8/2015	Post Testing	

Assessment Criteria & Method of Evaluating Students

As participants in a course that is part of the non-credit IEP program, students do not receive letter grades. Instead, successful students will earn a completion report from their instructors based on their course work, progress, post-test measures, and individual profiles. Students successfully completing the program with the prerequisite instructor recommendations will receive a Certificate of Completion. The following table lists some of the primary areas evaluated for progress indication purposes:

Class attendance and Participation	25%
Exercises and Quizzes	15%
Projects	15%
Homework Assignments	15%
Presentations	15%
Final Review Tests	15%
Total	100%

The following letter grade / point scale is provided for informational purposes only. While individual assignments may be evaluated on such a scale, no final letter grades will be assigned beyond the complete/incomplete evaluations as discussed above.

100-95	A
94-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-84	B
83-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-74	C
73-70	C-
69-65	D+
64-60	D
59 or <	F

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