

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

ENGA

Course Number

0033

Course Title

College Reading

Catalog Description

A reading course designed to help students gain skills they can apply to college level reading requirements. Active reading strategies, comprehension, and vocabulary are emphasized, along with an introduction to library resources.

Prerequisites

Placement score on Reading ACT 1-18 or equivalent

Credit Hours

3 credit hours, not counting toward any degree requirements

Contact Hours

45 contact hours

Load Hours

3 load hours

Semester Offered

Fall, Spring and On Demand

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Define vocabulary words using context clues and word part knowledge.
- Apply active reading techniques to identify topics of paragraphs and longer selections.

- Apply active reading techniques to identify and explain main ideas (stated or implied) of paragraphs.
- Apply active reading techniques to identify and explain theses (stated or implied) of multi-paragraph selections.
- Apply active reading techniques to identify major and minor supporting details.
- Apply active reading techniques to identify common writing patterns.
- Apply active reading techniques to a variety of media and disciplines.
- Apply critical reading skills to identify tone and bias.
- Provide evidence and analyze reading selections for inferences.
- Interact with readings from diverse cultural perspectives.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students can write a clear, coherent, well-organized documents, which are substantially free of errors.
- Students can read selections at the college level.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.
- Students demonstrate information literacy.

Standard Practices

Topics List

- Success in college
- College level reading and vocabulary development
- Cross-curricular and multi-disciplinary college textbook reading
- Active reading strategies
- Topic and main idea
- Supporting details
- Inferences, tone, and bias
- Critical and analytical thinking

Learning Activities

- Reading/writing activities,
- Class discussions,
- Small group activities,
- Learning games,
- Guest speakers,

- Quizzes, and/or
- Presentations

Assessments

- Active reading strategies
- Culminating major assignment
- Exams

Grading guidelines

- Regularly updated Canvas gradebook
- Rubrics & timely, substantive written (with optional audio/video) feedback

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