

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

ENGA

Course Number

0093

Course Title

Reading & Writing Studio

Catalog Description

A course designed to help students gain skills they can apply to college level reading and writing requirements. Students will study and practice critical thinking skills, active reading strategies, and source citation. Library resources and the recursive process of writing are emphasized. This course supports student success in English Composition I.

Prerequisites

Placement score on English 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 supporting details, stated and implied main ideas of texts, and common writing patterns.
- Apply pre-reading, reading, and post-reading strategies.
- Apply critical reading skills to identify tone and bias.
- Provide evidence and analyze reading selections for inferences.
- Evaluate texts with diverse perspectives and navigate the ambiguity and complexity that comes with multiple perspectives.
- Integrate and cite relevant sources.
- Compose focused, varied, and coherent sentences.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students can write 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 texts
- Active reading strategies
- Inferences, tone, and bias
- Critical and analytical thinking
- Citation conventions
- Research incorporation

Learning Activities

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

- Presentations

Assessments

- Active Reading strategies
- Writing assignments
- Quizzes
- Exams

Grading guidelines

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

Revision Date

January 10, 2022