

University of South Alabama
English Language Center
ELC 055: Reading V
Summer 2017

Course Information

Course Format: Web-enhanced

Class Hours: Monday 12:20 pm – 1:10 pm
 Tuesday 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm
 Wednesday 12:20 pm – 1:10 pm
 Thursday 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm
 Friday 11:15 am – 12:05 pm

Location: Alpha Hall East Room 144

Instructor Information

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 or by appointment

Course Description

This advanced reading course is the fifth level of a five-level sequence of courses designed to improve student competencies in reading comprehension. Students will read and understand unadapted academic literature of multiple pages (1,000 - 1,200 words) from a variety of fields and acquire general reading and vocabulary skills needed for comprehension at that level.

Vocabulary will be derived almost exclusively from the Academic Word List. Students successfully completing Level V should be prepared for the kinds of reading that they will encounter in the University. This course corresponds with Common European Frame of Reference level C1.

Course Delivery

This course is delivered in a traditional "face-to-face" method and managed through the Sakai online platform. It is a web-enhanced course, which means that some course materials are available at USA Online on the Sakai learning management system. Grades and attendance will be recorded in Engrade. Your instructor will assist you in accessing these platforms.

Course Materials

- *Longman Academic Reading 3* (Bookstore no. ELC 055)
- *Oxford Advanced American Dictionary for Learners of English* (Bookstore no. ELC 055)
- Pen/pencil, eraser
- 8 ½ x 11 notebook and paper
- NO smart phones or electronic dictionaries allowed in class

Course Topical Outline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture</u>
Week One June 5 - 9	Course Orientation and Syllabus Students must have their textbook by Thursday, March 9. Chapter 5: American Literature: Ernest Hemingway’s “Indian Camp”
Week Two June 12 - 16	Chapter 5 (continued) Chapter 5 Test
Week Three June 19 - 23	Chapter 6: Art History: The Life and Letters of Vincent Van Gogh
Week Four June 26 - 30	Chapter 6 (continued) Chapter 6 Test
Week Five July 3 - 7	Tuesday, July 4th – Independence Day – No Classes Chapter 7: Forensics: Science and Fiction
Week Seven July 17 - 21	Chapter 7 (continued) Chapter 7 Test Chapter 8: Prehistory: From Wolf to Dog End-of-Term CaMLA Test
Week Eight July 24 - 27	Review Monday, July 24 – Last Day for AR Wednesday, May 3 – Last Day of Classes and Awards Ceremony Thursday, July 27 – Comprehensive Final Exam Exams will NOT be given early! No exceptions! Do not plan to leave/travel before Friday, July 28, 2017.

Course Goals and Objectives

Goal: Students will acquire the basic reading skills that they will need to understand complex, unadapted, multi-page academic texts from a variety of fields.

Objectives: Using assigned texts, students will be able to:

- 1) relate new information to prior knowledge.
- 2) make predictions about the content of texts that they are about to read.
- 3) skim and scan to determine main ideas, text patterns, and location of specific information within a text.
- 4) differentiate main ideas from major and minor supporting details in written materials.
- 5) derive valid information from maps, charts, graphs, and diagrams within texts.
- 6) demonstrate increasing word power by acquiring new vocabulary and the ability to guess new words from context clues and word parts, then applying this knowledge through subsequent practice exercises in new contexts.
- 7) draw inferences.

Attendance

Class attendance is required as a condition of the F-1 visa. It is also vital to a student's success. Students are not allowed to miss more than **four classes** for any reason. Any student with five or more absences in any class will be placed on probation for lack of compliance with immigration policies (failure to attend 85% of all scheduled classes). If the attendance does not improve during the subsequent term, the student will be dismissed from the program.

Any student with ten consecutive absences or a total of fifteen nonconsecutive absences in any class will be dismissed from the program.

Punctuality is also crucial to student success. Students will be marked tardy if they arrive after class begins. They will also be marked tardy if they leave class for any reason without previously arranged permission from the instructor. Previously arranged permission means meeting with the instructor in ample time BEFORE class begins. If students are **tardy three times**, they will earn the equivalent of one absence. **When students miss more than 20 minutes because they leave or are late for class, they will be counted absent.**

Students with serious medical conditions that necessitate excessive absences should either consider medical leave of absence or register with the Office of Special Student Services to receive appropriate accommodations based on their disability.

Any exception to this policy must be approved ahead of time by the Director of the English Language Center.

Leaving Class

Students are expected to be in class on time and to remain in class until the class is dismissed. You have a break between classes. This is when you should go to the restroom and take care of other personal matters.

Make-Up Work

Make-up work is on a case-by-case basis. **If you are absent on a test day, you will not be able to make it up unless you have arranged it with the teacher in advance with a written confirmation from the teacher.**

Homework

All homework is expected to be completed at home and on time. If a student chooses to do homework during class or does not do it, then the grade will be a **zero**.

Assessment

In order to pass to the next level, students must meet the learning outcomes of this class with a final grade of 70%.. **Students can read AR books between levels 5.0 and 12.0, but they will get an AR Certificate ONLY if they finish the term reading at AR Level 5.0 or higher and acquire 20 points or more with an 85% or higher test average. PLEASE NOTE: Monday, July 24 is the last day for AR testing, so students must make sure to finish all testing by this date.**

Students can only take ONE AR test a day. If students take more than one test, the second test will not count towards their grade.

Each chapter test will be worth 100 points. Each quiz will be worth a maximum of 10 points and limited to one quiz per chapter.

The final course grade is determined based on the following:

Comprehensive Final Exam	30%
Chapter Tests and Quizzes	55%
Accelerated Reading (AR)	10%
Other: graded homework assignments, participation, etc.	5%

A= 90-100% B= 80-89% C= 70-79% U= 69% or lower

Remember, as a student, studying is your job! What you do in class is only part of the work. You need to manage your time carefully. You should be spending about two hours studying on your own each day for every hour you spend in class.

Final Exams

Final examinations must be taken at the scheduled times at the end of the term. The schedule of exams is posted at the beginning of each term and in the class syllabus. Examinations will not be given early because of personal travel plans or other similar personal reasons. Students who miss final exams will receive a grade of zero (0) on the exam.

Additional Information

For information regarding changes in course requirements, student honor code, academic disruption policy, student academic conduct policy, or students with disabilities, please refer to the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/additionalcoursepolicies-pdf>

Emergency Response Information

To report an emergency on campus, call the USA Police at (251) 460-6312 (from any phone) or at 511 (from landline phones on campus only). You can also call for help at 911 from any phone.