

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 5

Credits: 6

Course Title: English as a Second Language: Reading I

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)

Helps students improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary. Improves students' reading proficiency to a level which would allow the students to function adequately in ESL 6 and other college classes. Lecture 6 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To improve students' reading proficiency to a level that would allow the students to function adequately in ESL 6 and other college classes.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

Recommendation of department following satisfactory completion of ESL 95 (ESL Foundations) or appropriate placement test.

Course Objectives (Each item should complete the following sentence.)

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

Read materials, both fiction and non-fiction, appropriate for the intermediate level proficiency to:

- a. Identify topics, main ideas and support details
- b. Preview texts and make predictions
- c. Skim and scan for specific purposes
- d. Locate transition words signaling text organization
- e. Summarize content (with guidance)
- f. Use contextual clues to understand new vocabulary
- g. Expand vocabulary
- h. Increase reading speed
- i. Use mono-lingual dictionary for definition and word form
- j. Locate pronoun referents in text

Major Topics to be Included

Previewing texts, skimming, scanning, identifying main ideas and support details, building vocabulary skills through use of context clues, increasing reading speed, and using a mono-lingual dictionary.

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): 2/13/09