

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

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 95

Credits: 5

Course Title: ESL Foundations

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

Provides instruction and practice in reading and writing at the low intermediate level. Helps students build their basic reading comprehension and vocabulary skills. Requires practice in writing with emphasis on review of basic sentence structures, grammar and sentence-level writing. Lecture 5 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To prepare students for the intermediate level of ESL reading and writing instruction.

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

Placement recommendation.

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

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

- read a basic text to locate information and to answer specific factual questions;
- identify the main idea of a given basic text;
- use strategies for learning new words, including using context clues and expanding categories of words;
- use appropriate basic verb forms and tenses in his/her writing;
- write clear, grammatically correct sentences.

Major Topics to be Included

- Vocabulary for everyday use (beyond high frequency words);
- Basic English verb system;
- Basic mechanics in writing (indenting, punctuation, capitalization);
- Proper sentence construction;
- Culturally based readings.

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