

**PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MASTER SYLLABUS**

**VOCABULARY & TEXTBOOK READING STRATEGIES  
READ 0805**

**Class Hours: 4.0**

**Credit Hours: 1.0**

**Laboratory Hours: 2.0**

**Revised: Spring 2011**

**Catalog Course Description:**

Designed for under-prepared students, the developmental reading course presents effective comprehension techniques for college-level selections. The course emphasizes (a) vocabulary development activities, (b) cognitive and metacognitive strategies for comprehension, (c) reasoning and analysis for critical comprehension, (d) effective reading/study strategies for retention and recall, and (e) flexible reading rate.

**Entry Level Standards:**

Scores earned on the placement test and verified by scores earned on a secondary diagnostic test will be used to determine placement in the class.

**Prerequisites:**

READ 0804

**Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:**

Required:  
PLATO Student Guide

Other Supplies:  
Jump drive for saving computer work  
Earphones for computer  
Highlighter

**I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	Vocabulary
2	Vocabulary; textbook reading strategies
3	Vocabulary; textbook reading strategies

**II. Course Goals\*:**

**The course will**

- A. Engage students in reading a wide range of print and non-print texts as a means for personal development, to learn across the curriculum, and as a problem-solving response to demands of society and the workplace. I.1,7

- B. Foster the ability to apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts. Students will draw on their prior experience, their interactions with other readers and writers, their knowledge of word meaning and of other texts, their word identification strategies, and their understanding of textual features (e.g., sound-letter correspondence, sentence structure, context, graphics). I. 1,7
- C. Expand the student's ability to adjust their use of spoken, written, and visual language to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences and for different purposes. I.4,5
- D. Engage the student in applying knowledge of language structure, language conventions, media techniques, figurative language, and genre to create, critique, and discuss texts. I.1,5,6,7
- E. Build the skills to use a variety of technological and information resources to gather and synthesize information and to create and communicate knowledge. I.6
- F. Foster the ability to use spoken, written, and visual language to accomplish their own purposes. I.4,5

\*Roman numerals after course objectives reference goals of the General Education Program.

### III. Expected Student Learning Outcomes\*:

Students will be able to:

1. Employ a study method that includes steps such as previewing, marking or annotation, questioning, and reviewing text. A, B, D
2. Use a textbook's features such as table of content, preface, introduction, titles, subtitles, index, glossary, appendix, and bibliography to acquire information efficiently. A, B, D
3. Use information from visual aids such as maps, charts, graphs, time lines, tables, and diagrams in understanding text. A, B, D
4. Create effective study guides (maps, outlines, summaries, time lines, graphic organizers, etc.) that incorporate understanding of texts' main ideas, supporting details, and organizational patterns. A, B, D, E
5. Demonstrate fluency in reading excerpts from textbooks. F
6. Use context to understand literal and figurative language. B
7. Identify unfamiliar words and use effective and efficient strategies for learning new words. B

\* Capital letters after Expected Student Learning Outcomes reference the course goals listed above.

### IV. Evaluation:

#### A. Evaluation Procedures:

Students must earn 80% of the possible points in each course and have at least 75% attendance in order to earn a passing grade in the course: A, B, or C.

All assignments should be submitted on the dates announced by the instructor. Points are awarded based on quality, accuracy, neatness, and punctuality. Late assignments will be penalized.

No extra credit assignments will be issued in this course.

#### B. Laboratory Expectations:

Students will work in the Learning Commons for 2 hours each week outside of regular class time.

C. Field Work:

N/A

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

N/A

E. Grading Scale:

A = 94 - 100  
B = 87 - 93  
C = 80 - 86  
F = below 80

**V. Policies:**

A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses (excluding distance learning courses) must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course. Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the vice president of the Learning Division, may have requirements that are more stringent. In very specific circumstances, an appeal of the policy may be addressed to the head of the department in which the course was taken. If further action is warranted, the appeal may be addressed to the vice president of the Learning Division.

B. Academic Dishonesty:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices:

- Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments.
- Plagiarism, including but not limited to paraphrasing, summarizing, or directly quoting published or unpublished work of another person, including online or computerized services, without proper documentation of the original source.
- Purchasing or otherwise obtaining prewritten essays, research papers, or materials prepared by another person or agency that sells term papers or other academic materials to be presented as one's own work.
- Taking an exam for another student.
- Providing others with information and/or answers regarding exams, quizzes, homework or other classroom assignments unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.
- Any of the above occurring within the Web or distance learning environment.

Academic Dishonesty will not be tolerated. In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed as a result of academic misconduct, the instructor has the authority to assign either (1) an F or a zero for the assignment or (2) an F for the course.

C. Accommodations for disabilities:

Students who need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated should inform the instructor immediately, privately after class or in her or his office. Students must present a current accommodation plan from a staff member in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) in order to receive accommodations in this course. Services for Students

with Disabilities may be contacted by going to Goins 127, 132, 134, 135, 131 or by phone: 539-7153 or TTY 694-6429. More information is available at [www.pstcc.edu/departments/swd/](http://www.pstcc.edu/departments/swd/).

D. Other Policies:

**Cell Phones:** Cellular telephones and other devices with photographic imaging capabilities must be turned off and cannot be visible during any Mississippi State instructional or testing activity. Students who violate this policy during an instructional activity will be asked to leave the classroom or other instructional area; a violation of the policy during a test or other evaluation activity will be considered cheating and the student will be given a zero for that activity or an F for the module.

**Withdrawal:** Students placed and enrolled in a Learning Support course are not permitted to withdraw except for serious documented circumstances. Students wishing to withdraw should discuss this matter first with their mathematics instructor and then must confer with a counselor. The counselor will notify the student of the decision to allow him or her to withdraw.