PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MASTER SYLLABUS
ACADEMIC & PERSONAL READING
READ 0810/0802/0803/0804/0805

Class Hours: 3.0  Credit Hours: 4.0 (1 credit per module)
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:

None

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

Required:
Common novel for the class from the list below: see instructor for selection
PLATO Student Guide

Choose ONE of the following books:


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

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

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**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:

READ 0802: Cognitive Reading Strategies on Extended Discourse

1. Set an appropriate purpose for reading. A
2. Preview novel using textual features and other appropriate resources. B
3. Recognize inadequate background knowledge and know how to build it up. B
5. Create visual and other sensory images to enhance comprehension. B
6. Summarize text. B
7. Identify important ideas and themes in a text. B, D
8. Identify literary elements in fiction: setting, plot, character development and theme. A, D
9. Annotate to aid comprehension and recall. A, D
10. Express opinions about what they read. D
11. Demonstrate fluency in reading excerpts from novels. F
12. Use context to understand literal and figurative language. B
13. Identify unfamiliar words and use effective and efficient strategies for learning new words. B

READ 0803: Literary Analysis

1. Apply cognitive reading strategies independently. B
2. Identify, analyze, and discuss literary elements in longer fiction: setting, plot, character
   development, and theme. D

3. Demonstrate analyze, synthesize, and evaluate text by completing a novel project. C, E

4. Take notes to aid recall and comprehension of literary elements. A, D

5. Identify cultural context of self-selected text. A

6. Analyze impact of cultural context on author’s message. A, D

7. Demonstrate fluency in reading excerpts from novels. F

8. Use context to understand literal and figurative language. B

9. Identify unfamiliar words and use effective and efficient strategies for learning new words. B

READ 0804: Reading Strategies: Essays/Plays/Poetry

1. Identify and infer main ideas or purpose in essays, plays and/or poems. B, D

2. Locate and summarize important ideas and details in essays, plays and/or poems. B

3. Identify organizational relationships: sequence, cause-effect, comparison and contrast in
   essays, plays and/or poems. A, B

4. Draw generalizations and conclusions, distinguish fact from opinion, evaluate assertion and
   evidence in essays, plays, and/or poems. B

5. Demonstrate fluency in reading excerpts from essays, plays and/or poems. 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

READ 0805: Textbook Reading Strategies

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 Support Center for 2 hours each week outside of regular class time.

C. Field Work:

N/A

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

N/A

E. Grading Scale:

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A & = 94 - 100 \\
B & = 87 – 93 \\
C & = 80 – 86 \\
F & = \text{below 80}
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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/swer.

D. Other Policies:

Cell Phones: Cellular telephones and other devices with photographic imaging capabilities must
be turned off and cannot be visible during any Pellissippi 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.