



**Intensive English Program
ESL/Intensive English Department**

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**ESOL 0353: Advanced Reading for Foreign Speakers
Lecture | #13825**

Spring 2021 | 16 Weeks (08.23.2021-12.12.2021)

Online |

3 Hours Lecture/2 Hours Lab | 80 hours per semester

Instructor Contact Information

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Office Hours:

Office Location:

Online

By Virtual
appointment

Online

Please feel free to contact me concerning any problems that you are experiencing in this course. Your performance in my class is very important to me. I am available to hear the concerns and just to discuss course topics.

Instructor's Preferred Method of Contact

Email me: lucy.castillo@hccs.edu. I will respond to emails within 24 hours Monday through Friday; I will reply to weekend messages on Monday mornings.

What's Exciting About This Course

This course is designed to develop reading and critical thinking skills for college-bound students. Reading skills are refined to guide students towards mastery of deduction, inference, and critical research skills.

My Personal Welcome

Welcome to ESOL 0353 - Advanced Reading for Foreign Speakers. The best way to really discuss issues is in person and I'm available during posted office hours to tackle the questions. My goal is for you to walk out of the course with a better ability and understanding of how to read and summarize advanced reading passages. So please visit me or contact me by email whenever you have a question.

Prerequisites and/or Co-Requisites

A passing grade in ESOL 0350 or, for incoming students, placement exam cut-offs

Canvas Learning Management System

This section of ESOL 0353 will use Canvas (<https://eagleonline.hccs.edu>) to supplement in-class assignments, exams, and activities. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

HCCS Open Lab locations may be used to access the Internet and Canvas. **USE [FIREFOX](#) OR [CHROME](#) AS THE INTERNET BROWSER.**

Scoring Rubrics, Sample Assignments, etc.

Look in Canvas for the scoring rubrics for assignments, samples of class assignments, and other information to assist you in the course. <https://eagleonline.hccs.edu/login/ldap>

Instructional Materials

Textbook Information

The textbook listed below is required for this course.

"Ten Steps to Improving College Reading Skills" (7th edition) by John Langan (Townsend).
ISBN: 9781591945666

The book is included in a package that contains the text as well as **an access code** and are found at the HCC Bookstore. You may either use a hard copy of the book, or rent the e-book from Townsend Press. Order your book here: HCC Bookstore

Other Instructional Resources

Tutoring

HCC provides free, confidential, and convenient academic support, including writing critiques, to HCC students in an online environment and on campus. Tutoring is provided by HCC personnel in order to ensure that it is contextual and appropriate. Visit the [HCC Tutoring Services](#) website for services provided.

Libraries

The HCC Library System consists of 9 libraries and 6 Electronic Resource Centers (ERCs) that are inviting places to study and collaborate on projects. Librarians are available both at the libraries and online to show you how to locate and use the resources you need. The libraries maintain a large selection of electronic resources as well as collections of books, magazines, newspapers, and audiovisual materials. The portal to all libraries' resources and services is the HCCS library web page at <http://library.hccs.edu>.

Supplementary Instruction

Supplemental Instruction is an academic enrichment and support program that uses peer-assisted study sessions to improve student retention and success in historically difficult courses. Peer Support is provided by students who have already succeeded in completion of the specified course, and who earned a grade of A or B. Find details at <http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/supplemental-instruction/>.

Course Overview

A continuation of ESOL 0350, this course is designed to develop reading and critical thinking skills for college-bound students. Reading skills are refined to guide students towards mastery of deduction, inference and critical research skills.

Core Curriculum Objectives (CCOs)

After taking ESOL 0353, Advanced Reading the student should:

1. Be able to use pre-reading strategies effectively

2. Apply reading skills to understand, interpret, and evaluate a variety of academic texts
3. Expand vocabulary for academic purposes
4. Be able to use post-reading strategies effectively

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

After completing the Intensive English program, the student will:

1. Produce an oral presentation exhibiting level-appropriate pronunciation and fluency
2. Demonstrate comprehension of a level-appropriate listening passage.
3. Transform simple sentences into complex ones using a variety of grammatical structures appropriate to the level
4. Compose a composition that is appropriate to the level in terms of fluency, organization, and grammatical accuracy;
5. Read and summarize a level-appropriate text.

Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs)

After completing ESOL 0353, Advanced Reading, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with a challenging academic target vocabulary;
2. Distinguish between main ideas and supporting details in a moderate-length reading passage on an academic subject;
3. Read and summarize a moderate-length reading passage.
4. Read and understand a large volume of level-appropriate text (extensive reading);
5. Recognizing patterns of organization using a variety of course appropriate text.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

- 1.1 Recognize the meaning of words from vocabulary, based on the Academic Word List (<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist/awl-headwords.aspx>);
- 1.2 Identify synonyms and antonyms of target vocabulary words;
- 1.3 Identify vocabulary words derived from their root suffixes and prefixes
- 2.1 Understand important details from a moderate length passage;
- 2.2 Identify the main idea of the passage and paraphrase it in the student's own words;
- 2.3 Identify specific details and supporting facts in the text.
- 3.1a Select advanced-level reading passages from department's collection or list of guided reading books or passages;
- 3.1b Alternatively, select authentic but comprehensible reading passages from news, articles, or excerpts from books;
- 3.2 Summarize content of reading passages;
- 3.3 Evaluate the significance, clarity and relevance, and viewpoint of the selected reading passages.
- 3.4 Students complete an activity based on reading

Student Success

Expect to spend at least twice as many hours per week outside of class as you do in class studying the course content. Additional time will be required for written assignments. The assignments provided will help you use your study hours wisely. Successful completion of this course requires a combination of the following:

- Reading the textbook
- Attending class in person and/or online
- Completing assignments
- Participating in class activities

There is no short cut for success in this course; it requires reading (and probably re-reading) and studying the material using the course objectives as a guide.

Instructor and Student Responsibilities

As your Instructor, it is my responsibility to:

- Provide the grading scale and detailed grading formula explaining how student grades are to be derived
- Facilitate an effective learning environment through learner-centered instructional techniques
- Provide a description of any special projects or assignments
- Inform students of policies such as attendance, withdrawal, tardiness, and making up assignments
- Provide the course outline and class calendar that will include a description of any special projects or assignments
- Arrange to meet with individual students before and after class as required

As a student, it is your responsibility to:

- Attend class in person and/or online
- Participate actively by reviewing course material, interacting with classmates, and responding promptly in your communication with me
- Read and comprehend the textbook
- Complete the required assignments and exams
- Ask for help when there is a question or problem
- Keep copies of all paperwork, including this syllabus, handouts, and all assignments
- Attain a raw score of at least 50% on the departmental final exam

Be aware of and comply with academic honesty policies in the [HCCS Student Handbook](#)

Assignments, Exams, and Activities

Exams

Unit tests, lab and quizzes

In-Class Activities

Student should expect tests and activities, such as quizzes, participation in activities during class, projects, homework from the textbook and from related topics. Extended reading, paraphrasing and summarizing are also some other activities. If so, specify the types of activities student should expect, such as quizzes, participation in activities during class, projects, etc.

Final Exam

All students will be required to take a final examination, worth 20% of the total grade for the course. This exam will consist of questions related to one or more readings not covered in class, as well as questions about vocabulary studied during the course.

Students who are absent from the final exam without discussing their absence with the instructor in advance or within 24 hours afterward will receive a course grade of Incomplete. Any student who does not take a makeup exam by the end of the following long semester will receive a final exam grade of zero and a course grade of F.

Grading Formula

<< Modify Section & Delete Placeholder Text >> The total grade for the course will be based on the following percentage breakdown:

Unit Tests	50%
Vocabulary/ Reading Quiz	15%
Homework/Assignments	15%
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

Grade	Total Points
A	90+
B	80-89
C	70-79
F/IP	<69

HCC Grading Scale can be found on this site under Academic Information:
<http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/>

16-WEEK COURSE CALENDAR Fall, 2020

Dates	Topic / Assignments Due
Week 1	First day diagnostic test and introduction to the course Chapter 1
Week 2	Chapter 2
Week 3	Labor Day Holiday Chapter 2 contd
Week 4	Chapter 3
Week 5	Chapter 3 contd
Week 6	Chapter 4
Week 7	Chapter 4 contd
Week 8	Chapter 5
Week 9	Chapter 5 contd
Week 10	Chapter 6
Week 11	Chapter 6 contd
Week 12	Chapter 7
Week 13	Chapter 7 contd
Week 14	Chapter 8
Week 15	Chapter 9
Week 16	Final Exam Week

Important Dates and Holidays (Spring 2021)

AUGUST 2021		
Date	Event	Semester
Aug 20	<u>Fall 2021 Reg 16 WK: Last Day for 100% refund</u>	Fall
Aug 23	<u>Fall 2021 Reg 16 WK: Classes Begin</u>	Fall
SEPTEMBER 2021		
Date	Event	Semester
Sep 7	<u>Fall 2021 Reg 16 WK: Official Day of Record</u>	Fall
Sep 8	<u>Fall 2021 Reg 16 WK: Last Day for 70% refund</u>	Fall
Sep 14	<u>Fall 2021 Reg 16 WK: Last Day for 25% refund</u>	Fall
OCTOBER 2021		
Date	Event	Semester
Oct 29	<u>Fall 2021 Reg 16 WK: Last day to withdraw</u>	Fall
DECEMBER 2021		
Date	Event	Semester
Dec 12	<u>Fall 2021 Reg 16 WK: Semester Ends</u>	Fall

HOLIDAYS**SEPTEMBER 2021**

Start Date	End Date	Event
Sep 6	Sep 6	<u>Labor Day</u>

NOVEMBER 2021

Start Date	End Date	Event
Nov 25	Nov 28	<u>Thanksgiving</u>

Syllabus Modifications

The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus at any time during the semester and will promptly notify students in writing, typically by e-mail, of any such changes.

Instructor's Practices and Procedures

Missed Assignments

If you must be absent on the day of a test, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor as soon as possible by leaving a message for me at the e-mail address listed above. Normally, a make-up exam is done on the day you return to class, but please note that any make-up exam is at the convenience of the teacher. Make-up exams are allowed only for missed exams.

Academic Integrity

Any form of copying, cheating, or plagiarism will result in a grade of 0 for the assignment. The instructor will decide whether to permit you to make up the work, and under what circumstances it might be made up. If you are charged with academic dishonesty, pleading ignorance of the rules will not help you. Penalties and/or disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by HCC officials against a student who is accused of scholastic dishonesty. "Scholastic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

Cheating on a test includes:

- Copying from another students' test paper;
- Using materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- Collaborating with another student during a test without authorization;
- Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of a test that has not been administered;
- Bribing another person to obtain a test that is to be administered.

Plagiarism means the appropriation of another's work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one's own written work offered for credit.

Collusion mean the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit. Possible punishments for academic dishonesty may include a grade of 0 or F in the particular assignment, failure in the course, and/or recommendation for probation or dismissal from the College System. (See the Student Handbook)

Here's the link to the HCC information about academic integrity (Scholastic Dishonesty and Violation of Academic Scholastic Dishonesty and Grievance):

<http://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-procedures/>

Attendance Procedures

It is important that you come to class! Attending class regularly is the best way to succeed in this class. Research has shown that the single most important factor in student success is attendance. Simply put, going to class greatly increases your ability to succeed. You are expected to attend all lecture and labs regularly. You are responsible for materials covered during your absences. Class attendance is checked daily. Although it is your responsibility to drop a course for nonattendance, the instructor has the authority to drop you for excessive absences. If you are not attending class, you are not learning the information. As the information that is discussed in class is important for your career, students may be dropped

from a course after accumulating absences in excess of 12.5% hours (10 hours) of instruction (F-1 students should particularly take note of this so as not to affect your visa status). The ten hours of class time would include any total classes missed or for excessive tardiness (being late twice or, leaving early is counted as an absence). Remember: Class attendance equals class success. Students may be dropped from a course after accumulating absences in excess of 12.5% hours.

Student Conduct

your instructor and as a student in this class, it is our shared responsibility to develop and maintain a positive learning environment for everyone. Your instructor takes this responsibility very seriously and will inform members of the class if their behavior makes it difficult for him/her to carry out this task. As a fellow learner, you are asked to respect the learning needs of your classmates and assist your instructor achieve this critical goal. Students are expected to arrive to class on time with ALL THEIR MATERIALS INCLUDING THE TEXT BOOKS. Returning late from a break or leaving class early counts as being tardy. Being tardy twice will equal one absence (whether ten minutes or one hour). If you miss 10 hours of class, you can be dropped without notification and will, therefore, be out of compliance if you are an F-1 student. If a student misses a class, it is his or her responsibility to see the instructor about the work that was missed, and Online classes and the consequences that will be implemented for disruptive behavior.

Instructor's Course-Specific Information (As Needed)

Please follow all instructions at all times.

Electronic Devices

Please turn off your cell phones, laptops and any other device you may be using.

HCC Policies

Here's the link to the HCC Student Handbook <http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/> In it you will find information about the following:

- Academic Information
- Academic Support
- Attendance, Repeating Courses, and Withdrawal
- Career Planning and Job Search
- Childcare
- disAbility Support Services
- Electronic Devices
- Equal Educational Opportunity
- Financial Aid TV (FATV)

- General Student Complaints
- Grade of FX
- Incomplete Grades
- International Student Services
- Health Awareness
- Libraries/Bookstore
- Police Services & Campus Safety
- Student Life at HCC
- Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Student Services
- Testing
- Transfer Planning
- Veteran Services

EGLS³

The EGLS³ ([Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System](#)) will be available for most courses near the end of the term until finals start. This brief survey will give invaluable information to your faculty about their teaching. Results are anonymous and will be available to faculty and division chairs after the end of the term. EGLS³ surveys are only available for the Fall and Spring semesters. EGLS³ surveys are not offered during the Summer semester due to logistical constraints.

<http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/egls3-evaluate-your-professors/>

Campus Carry Link

Here's the link to the HCC information about Campus Carry:

<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/police/campus-carry/>

HCC Email Policy

When communicating via email, HCC requires students to communicate only through the HCC email system to protect your privacy. If you have not activated your HCC student email account, you can go [to HCC Eagle ID](#) and activate it now. You may also use Canvas Inbox to communicate.

Housing and Food Assistance for Students

Any student who faces challenges securing their foods or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the Dean of Students at their college for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so.

This will enable HCC to provide any resources that HCC may possess.

Office of Institutional Equity

Use the link below to access the HCC Office of Institutional Equity, Inclusion, and Engagement (<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/>)

disAbility Services

HCC strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including long and short term conditions, mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please meet with a campus Abilities Counselor as soon as possible in order to establish reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and Ability Services. It is the policy and practice of HCC to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law. For more information, please go to <https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/ability-services/>

Title IX

Houston Community College is committed to cultivating an environment free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature including sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual and gender-based misconduct and violates an individual's fundamental rights and personal dignity. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex-including pregnancy and

parental status in educational programs and activities. If you require an accommodation due to pregnancy please contact an Abilities Services Counselor. The Director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator. All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to:

David Cross
Director EEO/Compliance
Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity
3100 Main
(713) 718-8271
Houston, TX 77266-7517 or Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu
<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/title-ix-know-your-rights/>

Office of the Dean of Students

Contact the office of the Dean of Students to seek assistance in determining the correct complaint procedure to follow or to identify the appropriate academic dean or supervisor for informal resolution of complaints.

<https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-complaints/speak-with-the-dean-of-students/>

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