

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

**Course Prefix and Number:** ESL 195

**Credits:** 2

**Course Title:** Topics in ESL TOEFL Preparation

**Course Description: (as it should appear in the catalog)**

Covers the reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills needed to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT). Also, focuses on test-taking strategies. Lecture 2 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:**

To prepare students to take the TOEFL entrance exam. This course is not required by JSRCC, but may be required for admission to other colleges and universities.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- Identify each section of the test and understand the instructions prior to the exam, so he/she maximizes his/her time during the test.
- Recognize the format of the TOEFL iBT.
- Follow the time restrictions of the test and plan accordingly.
- Demonstrate test-taking strategies for a standardized testing format.
- Apply listening strategies specific to the TOEFL iBT.
- Utilize speaking strategies specific to the TOEFL iBT.
- Increase use of higher-level vocabulary used on the TOEFL iBT.
- Employ reading strategies specific to the TOEFL iBT.
- Decode questions for the written portion of the exam.
- Implement writing strategies specific to the TOEFL iBT Test of Written English.

**Major Topics to be Included:**

- TOEFL iBT format and time restrictions
- TOEFL vocabulary list
- TOEFL iBT practice exams
- Speaking skills (Independent Tasks and Integrated Tasks)
- Writing skills (Independent Tasks and Integrated Tasks)
- Writing section (Test of Written English) – two types of questions (Paired Choice and Free Choice)
- Listening skills (Basic Comprehension, Pragmatic Understanding, and Connecting Information)
- Reading skills (Vocabulary Reference, Sentences, Details, Inferences, and Reading to Learn)

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date, Year):** October 20, 2011