

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

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 6

Credits: 6

Course Title: English as a Second Language: Reading II

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

Helps students improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary. Improves students' reading proficiency to a level which would allow the students to function adequately in ESL 17 and other college classes. Lecture 6 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To improve students' reading proficiency to a level that would allow the students to function adequately in ESL 17 and other college classes.

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

Recommendation of department following satisfactory completion of ESL 5 or appropriate placement test.

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

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

Read materials, both fiction and non-fiction, appropriate for the high intermediate level proficiency to:

- a. Relate new information to prior knowledge, making predictions
- b. Skim and scan texts for specific reading purposes
- c. Distinguish main ideas from major and minor supporting details
- d. Understand reading for different purposes
- e. Identify text organizational patterns, the relationship of ideas in the text
- f. Distinguish fact from opinion
- g. Respond to reading in a variety of modes
- h. Make inferences, identify author's view and purpose
- i. Summarize and paraphrase using one's own words

Major Topics to be Included

Previewing texts, skimming, scanning, identifying main ideas and support details, summarizing fiction and non-fiction, building vocabulary skills through use of context clues, increasing reading speed, distinguishing fact from opinion, making inferences and identifying text organizational patterns.

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