

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

**Course Prefix and Number:** ESL 47      **Credits:** 4

**Course Title:** Academic Reading II

**Course Description:** (as it should appear in the catalog; including lecture, lab, and credit hours and any prerequisites or co-requisites)

Provides instruction and practice in reading and vocabulary development at the advanced level. Improves reading fluency and comprehension of non-academic and academic texts. Increases high-frequency and academic vocabulary. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Lecture 4 hours. Total 4 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:** (Who would benefit from taking this course?)

ESL 47 continues to develop academic vocabulary and reading skills and fluency.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:** (List prerequisites and co-requisites separately)

Prerequisite: Placement into ESL 47 or completion of ESL 37

**Course Objectives**

- Demonstrate comprehension of at least 180 high-frequency (Oxford 3000) and academic (AWL - Academic Word List) words (mostly CEFR - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, B1, B2, C1) for academic purposes.
- Use reading strategies to understand various types of non-academic and academic texts.
- Demonstrate understanding of various types of non-academic and academic texts by identifying main ideas and supporting details within a set time.

**Major Topics to be Included**

- Vocabulary skills
  - word families (parts of speech)
  - common collocations
- Reading strategies
  - previewing
  - predicting
  - scanning
  - annotating
  - identifying main ideas and details
  - recognizing the structure of a text
- Learning strategies
  - flash cards
  - dictionary use
  - extensive reading, e.g. graded readers (CEFR - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, B1 and B2)

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