

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

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 57 **Credits:** 4

Course Title: Academic Reading III

Course Description:

Provides instruction and practice in reading and vocabulary development. Strengthens reading fluency and comprehension, with emphasis on acquiring sufficient vocabulary for college-level reading. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Lecture 4 hours. Total 4 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

ESL 57 prepares for reading in college-level courses.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: Placement into ESL 57 or completion of ESL 47

Course Objectives

- Demonstrate comprehension of at least 250 high-frequency (Oxford 3000) and academic (AWL - Academic Word List) words (mostly CEFR - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, B2, C1, C2) for academic purposes.
- Use reading strategies to understand linguistically complex academic texts.
- Demonstrate understanding of linguistically complex academic texts by identifying main ideas and supporting details within a set time.
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Major Topics to be Included

- Vocabulary skills
 - word families (parts of speech)
 - common collocations
 - Latin and Greek roots
- Reading strategies
 - previewing
 - predicting
 - scanning
 - guessing from context
 - annotating
 - note-taking
 - inferencing
 - identifying main ideas and details
 - recognizing the structure of a text
 - paraphrasing
 - summarizing
- Learning strategies
 - flash cards
 - dictionary use
 - extensive reading

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