

Developmental Communications 34 — Summer 2014

Section #0120

MTWTh 7:45 – 9:10

CSB 110

Course Information and Requirements

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Course Description and Objectives: This course advances **reading comprehension skills** such as building vocabulary attack skills, finding main ideas and supporting details, making inferences, generalizing, and summarizing. Students will prepare for further college-level coursework by refining reading, study, and collaborative work skills. We will take condensed notes, attack vocabulary through word parts, annotate texts, formulate questions, manage time, and constructively collaborate in teams.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. apply strategies for learning and using new vocabulary.
2. analyze paragraphs and longer passages to identify main ideas, major and minor supporting details, and patterns of organization.
3. apply study and reading strategies to improve academic performance.
4. evaluate various writings to differentiate between facts and opinions and to identify reasoning errors

Note: Class graded credit/no credit.

I. Materials

- A. **Textbook:** *Groundwork for College Reading*, Broderick, Bill, 4th ed.
- B. **Fiction:** *A Day No Pigs Would Die*, Robert Newton Peck
Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck
- C. A Collegiate Dictionary
Criteria: 1) paperback, small enough for you to bring to class; 2) published in the last 5 years.
- D. **Newspaper:** *The Los Angeles Times* – various editions will need to be purchased by the student during the course of the semester.
- E. **Other:** Various literary materials will need to be printed by the student from the Instructor's LA Mission webpage.
- F. A notebook with at least two sections: one section for taking notes, and one for recording new vocabulary.

II. Homework Assignments

- A. One hour per week independent reading lab assignments
- B. Read all materials and do all exercises and written work as assigned.
NOTE: *Homework assignments will not be accepted late; if you are absent, upon the day of your return to class, you will be expected to hand in any and all assignments that were due when you were absent as well as all assignments due, up to and including, the day of your return.*

III. Attendance and Plagiarism

You will be dropped from the class after three unexcused absences; it is your responsibility to contact me if you cannot attend class. *You are responsible for everything that occurred during your absence.* It is up to you to contact a classmate or me for missed material. **NOTE:** Arriving to class late, leaving class early, conducting private conversations and operating electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, I-pods, PDAs, etc.) during class are unacceptable behaviors. Each student is responsible for contributing to an atmosphere conducive to a college education.

Plagiarism is not acceptable. Proof of plagiarism will result in expulsion from this class and can lead to permanent sanctions from the Los Angeles Community College System.

IV. Grading

- A. In-class participation, attendance, and completion of homework assignments will be considered during grading
- B. Quizzes will be given for all material covered in this course. There are 4 quizzes scheduled, but additional quizzes may be given. **Missed quizzes cannot be made up.**
- C. The midterm will cover the material presented during the first half of the semester, **but the final will cover all material presented in this course.** NOTE: Vocabulary will always be included in tests and quizzes. **Failure to take the Midterm or Final will result in a final grade of NO CREDIT.**
- D. Basis of Grading: Credit / No Credit **however . . .**
- E. **To pass the course, you must earn at least 70% of the possible points listed (on the next page). Failure to take the Midterm or Final will result in NO CREDIT.**

Points:

- Lab--65 points (5pts/hr. = total of 13 hours) see course schedule
- Quizzes--10 points each
- Midterm Exam--100 points
- Homework --10 points each
- Final Exam--100 points

V. Some important notes:

- If you stop attending a class (or you wish to drop a class), **you must drop the class yourself—OFFICIALLY—on or before July 25.** Failure to do so may result in a grade of NO PASS in this class.
- Please make sure that the email address on file with the college is accurate; if you change your address, please update your email address by using the student portal.
- Please keep graded papers such as quizzes and tests in a safe place. You should keep them at least until final grades have been posted.
- Cheating: I will not tolerate any form of academic dishonesty. If you are caught cheating, you will be given a zero for that particular assignment or exam, even if the failing grade makes it impossible for you to pass the course. At my discretion, the event may also be reported to the Department Chair, who may forward the report to the Vice President of Student Services for disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion.
- *If you are a student with a disability and require classroom accommodations, please see me immediately to discuss arrangements. The sooner I am aware that you are eligible for accommodations, the more quickly I will be able to provide them. If you have not done so already, you may also wish to contact the Disabled Students Programs & Services Office in Instructional Building 1018. Phone (818) 364-7732/TTD (818) 364-7861 and bring a letter and/or documentation stating the accommodations that are needed. This syllabus can be made available in alternate format upon request from DSPS at (818) 364-7732.*

Three Attempt Limit

A new state policy in effect as of 2012 limits students to **three attempts per course**. Receiving any grade or a "W" for a course counts as an attempt, **regardless of when the course was taken**. *Withdrawal by the deadline to avoid a "W" will not count as an attempt.* For Summer 2014 the deadline to avoid a "W" is **June 23, 2014**. To drop with a "W," the deadline is July 25, 2014.

OTHER COLLEGE RESOURCES FOR LAMC STUDENTS

Admissions and Records: Students can register for classes, request transcripts, file petitions for graduation, and drop classes at this office. For more information call 818-833-3322 or visit: <http://www.lamission.edu/admissions/>

Bookstore: For hours of operation, book availability, buybacks, and other information call 818-364-7767 or 7768 or visit <http://eagleslanding.lamission.edu/default.asp>

Counseling Department: For appointments and information call 818-364-7655 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/counseling/>

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOP&S): For appointments, eligibility and information call 818-364-7645 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/eops/>

Financial Aid: For information and applications call 818-364-7648 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/financialaid/>

Library: For information on hours, resources, workshops, and other services contact 818-364-7106 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/library/>

STEM Office: For information on free tutoring, resources and academic counseling for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Technology) students visit: <http://www.lamission.edu/stem>

About the Learning Center...

If you need help or feedback while you are working on your assignments, visit **The Learning Center**, located on the first floor of the Library/Learning Resource Center. Tutors there will assist you in many areas: writing, math, reading, research, and homework assignments.

The Learning Center is FREE for all students. Call 818-364-7754 to make AN APPOINTMENT or visit the Information Desk. Visit the Learning Center early each semester and use the FREE assistance throughout the term.

AND, ESPECIALLY FOR DC 1 STUDENTS, the Learning Center has developed interactive computer tutorials to help you develop your grammar and sentence-writing skills. Visit <http://www.lamission.edu/learningcenter/devcomlinks.aspx> to access these exciting tutorials!

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Week #	Date	Day	Class Activity	NOTES/ Homework
1	June 16	M	Syllabus and Intro to Dev Com 34	Purchase: All books as listed in the syllabus
	June 17	T	Fiction/Structure/Poetry	
	June 18	W	Poetry continued	MUST HAVE <i>A Day No Pigs</i> . . .
	June 19	TH	Fiction: <i>A Day No Pigs Would Die</i>	MUST HAVE <i>A Day No Pigs</i> . . .
2	June 23	M	<i>Pigs</i> & LSU	Bring to class <i>LA Times</i> , 6/19/14
	June 24	T	<i>Pigs</i> / Intro to Textbook / Newspaper	MUST HAVE TEXTBOOK
	June 25	W	Textbook (TB), Part I, Ch.3 (I-3) –Vocab.	
	June 26	TH	TB – I-3 & I-2 QUIZ #1, part 1	
3	June 30	M	<i>Pigs</i> continued QUIZ #1, part 2	
	July 1	T	<i>Pigs</i> continued / Newspaper	
	July 2	W	TB – II-4 Main Ideas	
	July 3	TH	TB – II-4 Main Ideas	
	JULY 4	F	Independence Day – LAMC CLOSED – No Classes	
4	July 7	M	TB – II-5 Supporting Details QUIZ #2	
	July 8	T	TB – II-5	
	July 9	W	TB – II-6 Finding Main Ideas	
	July 10	TH	TB – II-6	
5	July 14	M	MIDTERM	
	July 15	T	TB – II-7 Signal Words I	
	July 16	W	TB – II-7	
	July 17	TH	TB – II-8 Signal Words II	

	Date		Class Activity	Homework Assignment
6	July 21	M	TB – II-8	
	July 22	T	TB – II-9 Inferences	
	July 23	W	TB – II-9	
	July 24	TH	TB – II-10 Basics of Argument QUIZ # 3	
7	July 28	M	TB – II-10	
	July 29	T	TBA	
	July 30	W	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	
	July 31	TH	<i>Of Mice and Men</i> QUIZ # 4	
8	Aug. 4	M	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	
	Aug. 5	T	TBA	
	Aug. 6	W	TBA	
	Aug. 7	TH	Final Exam	

This schedule is subject to change.

Important Dates to Keep in Mind

Class begins	June 16 th
Add Full Term Classes DEADLINE	June 23 rd
Section Transfer DEADLINE	June 23 rd
Last Day to Drop classes without receiving a “W” with refund	June 23 rd
Last Day to Drop classes with a “W”	July 25 th

***PLEASE NOTE:** The District has required earlier and revised deadlines starting Summer 2012. A “W” will appear on your transcript record after this date. REMINDER: There is a new LACCD enrollment limit. The limit is now three times to take a class and includes both substandard grades and withdrawals.

Final Exam	Last Day of Class
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Classmates to contact if I’m absent or if you need a “study buddy”:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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