

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## **Course Objectives, Student Learning Outcomes, and Promotion Requirements**

#### Interpretation of Achievement Scale - Reading Level 5

The goals of Reading Level 5 are for students to demonstrate the ability to effectively and efficiently apply the reading strategies necessary for comprehension of more advanced academic topics and texts, and to increase vocabulary-acquisition strategies. By the end of Reading Level 5, students will be able to:

- --Read and comprehend level-appropriate texts.
- --Demonstrate increased vocabulary knowledge and usage.
- --Develop analysis of academic topics based on stated and unstated material.

#### Reading Level 5 Teaching Objectives:

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- 1. Develop students' basic reading skills and strategies and apply them to more academic texts:
  - 1.1. Use context clues.
  - 1.2. Increase reading speed.
  - 1.3. Reinforce long-term reading memory through SSR.
  - 1.4. Engage in pre-reading activities.
  - 1.5. Skim.
  - 1.6. Scan.
  - 1.7. Read critically.
  - 1.8. Make predictions.
  - 1.9. Infer meaning from unstated ideas.
  - 1.10. Recognize transition signals and their effect on meaning.
  - 1.11. Distinguish the main idea from details or topics.
  - 1.12. Encourage general comprehension over individual word translation.
- 2. Increase students' acquisition of active and passive vocabulary:
  - 2.1. Recognize roots and affixes common to English.
  - 2.2. Discern meaning from context.
- 3. Engage students in a discussion of the texts read:
  - 3.1. Build schema.
  - 3.2. Recognize situation-specific vocabulary.
  - 3.3. Summarize information.

#### **Course Evaluation**

| Tests                    | 50% |
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| Quizzes                  | 25% |
| Comprehensive Final Exam | 25% |



# **Intensive English Program**

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# Reading Level 5 Student Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:

Students will be able to:

- R5.1 Skim a simple academic text to find the main idea.
- R5.2 Identify the purpose of a paragraph in order to answer specific questions.
- R5.3 Understand and identify pronoun reference in order to answer specific questions.
- R5.4 Scan a simple academic text to find specific details.
- R5.5 Create a timeline of events in a simple academic text in order to answer specific questions.
- R5.6 Distinguish facts from theories in a simple academic text.
- R5.7 Identify the meaning of unfamiliar words from context.
- R5.8 Differentiate between main ideas and supporting details in a simple academic text.
- R5.9 Understand cause and effect relationships in order to answer specific questions.

### **Grading Scale**

| EXCELLENT  | GOOD  | AVERAGE  | REPEAT  |
|--|---|--|---|
| A+ 98-100<br>A 95-97<br>A- 92-94   | B+ 88-91<br>B 85-87<br>B- 82-84   | C+ 78-81<br>C 74-77<br>C- 71-73  | R 0-70  |
| The student demonstrates level- appropriate English ability that is almost always accurate and is characterized by a strong competence in the SLOs listed above. | The student demonstrates level- appropriate English ability that is generally accurate and is characterized by a competence in the SLOs listed above. | The student demonstrates level- appropriate English ability that is somewhat accurate and is characterized by an emerging competence in the SLOs listed above. | The student does not demonstrate level-appropriate English ability and is incompetent in the SLOs listed above. |

#### **Reading Level 5 Requirements for Promotion**

1. Students must pass the class with a cumulative grade of C- (71%) or better.