



Course Objectives, Student Learning Outcomes, and Promotion Requirements

Interpretation of Achievement Scale – Advanced Reading Level 8

The goal of Advanced Reading Level 8 is to expose students to a wide variety of academic reading passages, further developing students' ability to analyze and synthesize sources. Students will develop their ability to summarize, paraphrase, and synthesize ideas taken from academic reading passages.

Advanced Reading Level 8 Teaching Objectives:

1. Increasing development of academic vocabulary; differentiating between discipline-specific terms and general academic terms
2. Demonstrating comprehension of longer academic reading passages through class discussions, comprehension questions and assessments
3. Skimming and scanning for gist and details in an academic article
4. Previewing, inferencing, drawing conclusions from academic reading passage
5. Using strategies to increase reading speed
6. Summarizing multi-paragraphed reading passages succinctly and concisely
7. Determining the validity of an argument
8. Distinguishing valid and invalid sources
9. Identifying meaning of new words through context
10. Inferring the author's opinion in a longer academic reading passage
11. Identifying the author's tone in a longer academic reading passage
12. Identifying different types of supporting details in a longer academic reading passage
13. Recognizing common discourse markers that convey emphasis in a longer academic reading passage
14. Evaluating the main points of an academic argument on an unfamiliar topic
15. Taking effective notes on a longer academic reading passage
16. Distinguishing between different viewpoints in a longer academic reading text

Course Evaluation

Vocabulary Quizzes	25%
Reading Comprehension Tests (3)	50%
Homework	
Final Exam	25%



Advanced Reading Level 8 Student Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify central idea, argument or claim, author's purpose in an academic reading passage at the B2+ Level.
2. Identify and distinguish among main ideas, supporting ideas, and details in an academic reading at the B2+ Level.
3. Demonstrate ability to analyze and synthesize multiple reading passages on a similar subject.
4. Utilize context clues to determine discipline-specific terms and phrases
5. Acquire and utilize vocabulary at the B2+ level.

Grading Scale

EXCELLENT		GOOD		AVERAGE		REPEAT	
A+	98-100	B+	88-91	C+	78-81	R	0-70
A	95-97	B	85-87	C	74-77		
A-	92-94	B-	82-84	C-	71-73		
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.	

Advanced Reading Level 8 Requirements for Promotion

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