

Course Title: Intensive Academic English Preparation (IAEP) V -- Vocabulary

Credit: Non-credit Prerequisite(s): None

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#### **Instructional Materials and References**

### **Required texts:**

King, K. (1999). *The big picture: Idioms as metaphors*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin. ISBN: 0395917123

Reynolds, M. (1998). *Word parts*. Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill. 007052629x

### **Recommended Texts:**

Dictionary, thesaurus

## **Course Description**

The course focuses on vocabulary building and enrichment through words used in context. Emphasis will be given to most frequently used words in spoken and written English. (NC)

IAEP 5 covers the aspects of vocabulary development in functional communicative contexts. The core of the course will emphasize meaningful practice aimed at vocabulary expansion through contexts, word families, word structures and combining parts.

### **Course Objectives**

Students will develop vocabulary skills for functional communicative purposes, in context-centered study and expansions.

# **Learning Objectives**

Students will demonstrate improved vocabulary recognition and production skills, orally and in writing, through targeted quizzes, tests (pre and post) and exercises (class and text-based).

## **Topical Outline**

Vocabulary, including word parts, content and structure words, and idiom study is through contexts of immediate academic and high interest socio-cultural relevance. Among topics included are vocabulary elements for time, position, direction; idioms relating to ideas, personal and global perspectives, and best practices in vocabulary acquisition.

#### **Instructional Methods**

A cooperative learning model is employed. Small group and individual discovery exercises and presentations will augment lectures, discussion and applications.

## **Student Responsibilities**

Students are expected to consistently attend class punctually and fully (arriving on time and leaving the classroom only at the scheduled break and end times). Successful students participate in individual and group work in a productive manner, prepare and perform well on classwork, complete assignments according to schedule and at an appropriate level, and take personal responsibility for meeting the objectives of the course.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Session	Date	Topic	Vocabulary	Big Picture
			Connection:	Idiom/Metaphor Theme
			Word Parts	Units ("BP")
			("WP")	
1		Introduction		
	21-Jan-16			
2	28-Jan-16	Time	WP - Chapter 1	1. Ideas: BP C1, BP C2
3	4-Feb-16	Position; Direction	WP - Chapter 2	2. Knowledge: BP C3
4	11-Feb-16	Size; Number	WP - Chapter 3	3. Argument: BP C4

5	18-Feb-16	Additional Prefixes	WP - Chapter 4	4. Emotion: BP C5
6	25-Feb-16	Review	Midpoint Exercises	5. Money: BP C6
7	3-Mar-16	Common Roots	WP - Chapter 5	5. Money: BP C7
8	10-Mar-16	More Roots	WP - Chapter 6	6. BP Control: BP C8
		Spring Recess March 15-19		
9	24-Mar-16	Suffixes	WP - Chapter 7	7. People BP C9, People are Food
10	31-Mar-16	Exercises	Review	8. Life, BP C10, BP C11, BP C12
11	7-Apr-16	Word Families	WP - Chapter 8	BP C13
12	14-Apr-16	More Word Families	WP - Chapter 9	BP C14
13	21-Apr-16	Dictionary Study Individual Review Studies and Final ePortfolio/PPt	WP - Chapter 10	BP C15
14	28-Apr-16	Review ePortfolio/PPt Presentations		
15	5-May-16	Post Testing		

# **Assessment Criteria & Method of Evaluating Students**

As participants in a course that is part of the non-credit IEP program, students do not receive letter grades. Instead, successful students will earn a completion report from their instructors based on their course work, progress, post-test measures, and individual profiles. Students successfully completing the program with the prerequisite instructor recommendations will receive a Certificate of Completion. The following table lists some of the primary areas evaluated for progress indication purposes:

25
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100

The following letter grade / point scale is provided for informational purposes only. While individual assignments may be evaluated on such a scale, no final letter grades will be assigned beyond the complete/incomplete evaluations as discussed above.

100-95	A
94-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-84	В
83-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-74	С
73-70	C-
69-65	D+
64-60	D
59 or <	F

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