



**Lincoln University
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course: **Intensive Academic English Preparation (IAEP) III -- Reading Comprehension**

Credit: Non-credit

Prerequisite(s): None

Semester: Fall 2014– Thursdays 3:30--5:10

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Instructional Materials and References

Required text:

Richards, J. C. & Didier, S. E.. (2012) *Strategic reading 1: Building effective reading skills* (2nd ed.). New York, NY: Cambridge University.
(ISBN: 9780521281126)

Recommended texts:

Dictionary, thesaurus

Description

Students will improve reading comprehension and rate; they will increase vocabulary through assigned readings, word study exercises, and discussions. Readings deal with a variety of subjects, including American culture, and academic and personal issues.

Course Objectives

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

Students will demonstrate improved reading comprehension skills through selected communications, quizzes, tests (pre and post) and exercises (class and text-based).

Instructional Methods

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

Topical Outline

Reading selections are of immediate, academic, personal, and socio-cultural relevance. Among topics included are: music, money, work, sports, weather, culture, and the Internet

SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Unit	Topic
1	8/28/2014	Overview	Introduction
2	9/4/2014	Unit I	Culture
3	9/11/2014	Unit II	Money
4	9/18/2014	Unit III	Sports
5	9/25/2014	Unit IV	Music
6	10/2/2014	Unit V	Animals
7	10/9/2014	Unit VI	Travel
8	10/16/2014	Unit VII	The Internet
9	10/30/2014	Unit VIII	Friends
10	11/6/2014	Unit IX	Gifts
11	11/13/2014	Unit X	Emotions
12	11/20/2014	Unit XI	Food
13	11/27/2014	Fall Recess	
14	12/4/2014	Unit XII	Sleep and Dreams
15	12/11/2014	Post Testing	

Assessment Criteria & Method of Evaluating Students

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

Class attendance and Participation	25%
Exercises and Quizzes	15%
Projects	15%
Homework Assignments	15%
Presentations	15%
Final Review Tests	15%
Total	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	B
83-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-74	C
73-70	C-
69-65	D+
64-60	D
59 or <	F

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