

**30537 & 30167 English K 094: Reading, Discussing, and Writing**

**Instructor: M. Roychoudhuri**

**Fall 2007 Class Schedule**

**Monday & Wednesday 10 am- 11:50am - Room SB024  
12:30pm – 2:30pm Room SB024**

**Office hours: M/W 11 to 12PM & Tuesday 2 to 3PM**

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**Required Readings:**

- A Community of Readers: A Thematic Approach to Reading. 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. Alexander and Lombardi
- The Mini Penguin Handbook
- Dictionary.
- Note book and other writing Material

**Course Description:**

This is a fundamental course in understanding the ideas of others as well as expressing one's own. This course provides instruction in reading, discussion, and writing skills, which develop critical thinking and ideas. Through participating in the three processes, students will come to understand how one supports the other, and how clear and directed thinking depends upon them.

This course is preparation for ENG K100, ENG K101, and other courses, which require critical thinking and the communication of ideas. Emphasis is placed on strategies for improved reading and writing, comprehension skills, vocabulary in context, paragraph and essay development, grammar, and summarizing.

**Learning Outcomes:**

*Upon successful completion of English 094, students should be able to:*

- Synthesize the processes of reading, discussing, and writing to articulate their ideas clearly.
- Demonstrate proficiency in literal reading comprehension skills and a growing ability to use inferential skills.
- Demonstrate an improved vocabulary in speaking and writing, and using vocabulary in context

- Write responses effectively both in paragraph and short essay format based on ideas garnered from reading and discussing.
- Employ strategies for effective editing.
- Summarize readings typically assigned in college level classes.
- Participate actively and effectively in group discussion.

**Grading:**The final grade will be a letter grade, A - F.

**Students must get a “C” or better and pass an Exit Exam to pass this course.**

Grading is based on:

- ◆ Class Participation.....20%.  
Participation is extremely important because we learn from each other.  
Participation includes: attending all classes and participating in class discussions, small and large group work, in class writing, coming to class prepared by reading all assigned work and doing assignments on time.
- ◆ Quizzes and Reading Responses - Cannot be made up. ....20%.  
Learning new vocabulary and using in appropriate context.  
Demonstrated ability to summarize and use critical thinking skills.
- ◆ Mastery tests (will drop the lowest test grade of one exam).....  
..... 40%
- ◆ Exit exam.....20%.

- A = 93 -100
- A - = 90 - 92
- B + = 87 - 89
- B = 83 - 86
- B - = 80 - 82
- C + = 77 - 79
- C = 73 - 76
- C - = 70 - 72
- D + = 67 - 69
- D = 63 - 66
- D - = 60 - 62

- **Attendance:**
- Students are expected to attend all classes. If a student misses classes it will reflect in a lower final grade, regardless of when these absences occur and the reason(s) for which they occur. Five absences result in a “F” grade

- Class begins promptly, don't be late or leave early, it will affect your grade.
- If a student will be absent, late or have to leave early, she/he must tell me in advance.
- It is the student's responsibility to find out and complete the assignment for any missed class by contacting a friend in class or meeting the instructor.
- Quizzes and reading responses **cannot** be made up
- **Tests cannot be made up unless previously arranged with the instructor**
- **Late Work:**
- Work is due on the dates stated in the course outline or by instructor. Managing time is essential in order to be an efficient student.
- Late work (anytime after the end of class) will receive a grade penalty.

### **Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use of another person's words or ideas in your writing. If you use any ideas, thoughts, writing, quotes, or even paraphrase some other writer's thinking, you must acknowledge that person. Whether conscious or unconscious, plagiarism is a serious academic offence. Consequences for plagiarism can range from failing the assignment to failing the course.

### **Disabilities:**

To receive accommodations in class a student must make an appointment with the Learning Disability Specialists, Mr. Chris Scarborough (office in Mohegan library) or Judy Hilburger (office in the Registrar's office) who will justify the special modifications that are needed to facilitate learning for the student. I will be glad to speak with a student regarding this or any special medical needs. However, this is the student's responsibility and they need to get the paperwork to the instructor as soon as possible for her to make any special accommodations.

### **Tutoring/Writing Center:**

They are eager to help so please call.

Tutoring Academic Success Center (TASC) call (860)892-5745.

Writing Center call (860) 892-5773 or 892-5769

or e-mail [TRWritingcenter@trcc.commnet.edu](mailto:TRWritingcenter@trcc.commnet.edu).

### **Technology:**

Turn off your cell phone, pager, or other electronic equipment. While these are essential gadgets they are disruptive and **cannot** be used in the classroom. If you are expecting an important call, let the instructor know earlier.

### **College Withdrawal Policy:**

A student who finds it necessary to discontinue a course once class has met must provide notice to the Registrar. Withdrawal forms are available at the Registrar's office in both the campuses. Non punitive "W" grades are assigned to withdrawal requests. An instructor's signature is required after the deadline has passed. No withdrawals are permitted after

the last class preceding the final exam. Student's who do not withdraw but simply stop attending classes will receive "F" grade for the course.

### **Class Cancellations:**

In case of class cancellation, the instructor will notify through voice mail on her office phone (call 892-5712) and call the first person on the phone tree. A note on WebCT VISTA will also be posted. Students are encouraged to call (860) 886-0177 or go online to: [www.trcc.commnet.edu](http://www.trcc.commnet.edu).

TV Channels 3 & 8 and Radio Stations: WCTY,Q105, WICH, WNLC are good sources too.

### **Note on Reading:**

Reading is an important means of communication. It helps one to think, write, and communicate better. Just as there are different skill levels in any sport, reading has different skill levels and achievement as well. This course will help you to become active readers, help you to understand different kinds of reading and help you to develop critical thinking and writing skills. By working together, we can accomplish this goal.

### **Course Outline**

(Subject to Change)

#### **Week 1**

**August 27**

**Mon.** Introduction and syllabus review.  
In class writing.

**August 29**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Introduction  
Welcome to *A Community of Readers*, Why Is Reading So Important?  
pp. xxxiii - xxxv.  
Chapter 1, The Reading Process: Joining a Community of Readers pp. 3  
-14.  
Large Group Discussion.  
**Reading Quiz # 1**

#### **Week 2**

**September 3 - Labor Day**

**Mon.** No Class!

**September 5**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*,  
Chapter 1, The Reading Process, pp. 15 - 34.

Small Group Work / Discussion.  
**Reading Response #1,**  
“How We Learn” by Ricki Linksman, pp. 460 - 467.

**Week 3**

**September 10**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 1  
The Reading Process, Mastery tests 1A and 1B, pp. 15 - 34.  
In Class Writing / Discussion.  
**The Reading Process Test.**

**September 12**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 2  
Working with Words: Computer Technology and Beyond,  
pp. 51 - 68 .  
Small Group Work / Discussion.  
**Reading Quiz # 2.**

**Week 4**

**September 17**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 2  
Working with Words, pp. 68 - 91.  
Small Group Work / Discussion.  
**Reading Response # 2,**  
“Social and Ethical Issues of Computer Technology” by George  
Beekman, pp. 468 - 472.

**September 19**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 2  
Working with Words, pp. 92 - 108  
Includes Chapter Review and Mastery test 1A and 2B.  
Large Group Discussion.  
**Working with Words Test.**

**Week 5**

**September 24**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 3  
Topics and Main Ideas: Our Food, Our Culture, pp.109 - 120.  
In class Writing / Discussion.  
**Reading Response # 3,**  
“Table Rituals” by Laurie Tarkan, pp. 473 - 477.

**September 26**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 3

Topics and Main Ideas, pp.120 - 146.  
Small Group Work / Discussion.  
**Reading Quiz # 3.**

**Week 6**

**October 1**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 3  
Topics and Main Ideas, pp. 146 - 170.  
Includes Chapter review and Mastery Test 3A and 3B.  
Large Group Discussion.  
**Topics and Main Ideas Test.**

**October 3**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 4  
Support for Main Ideas: Staying Well, pp.171 - 189.  
Small Group Work / Discussion.  
**Reading Quiz # 4.**

**Week 7**

**October 8**

**Columbus Day – No Class!**

**October 10**

**Wed. Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 4  
Support for Main Ideas, pp.189 - 207.  
In class Writing / Discussion.  
**Reading Response # 4,**  
“Creativity and Longevity” by Norman Cousins, pp. 477 - 485.

**Week 8**

**October 15**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 4  
Support for Main Ideas, pp. 207 - 227.  
Includes Chapter review and Mastery test 4A and 4B.  
Small Group Work / Discussion.  
**Support for Main Ideas Test /Midterm Exam.**

**October 17**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 5  
Patterns of Organization: Where We Live, pp. 229 - 252.  
**Reading Response # 5,**

Student Choice.

**Week 9**

**October 22**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 5  
Patterns of Organization: Where We Live, pp. 253 - 264.  
**Reading Response # 6,**  
“Working with Our Hands” by Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter, pp.  
485 - 491.

**October 24**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 5  
Patterns of Organization, pp. 265 - 273.  
**Reading Quiz # 5.**

**Week 10**

**October 29**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 5  
Patterns of Organization, pp. 273 - 285.  
Includes Chapter review and Mastery test 5A and 5B.  
Small Group Work / Discussion.  
**Patterns of Organization Test.**

**October 31**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 6  
Inferences and Reading Literature: Dealing with Gender,  
pp. 287 - 299.  
Large Group Discussion.  
**Reading Response # 7,**  
“Shame” by Dick Gregory, pp. 491 - 497.

**Week 11**

**November 5**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 6  
Inferences and Reading Literature, pp. 300 - 311.  
In class Writing / Discussion.  
**Reading Response # 8,**  
Student Letter to the Editor.

**November 7**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 6  
Inferences and Reading Literature, pp. 311 - 332.  
Small Group Work / Discussion.  
**Reading Quiz # 6.**

**Week 12**

**November 12**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 6  
Inferences and Reading Literature, pp. 333 - 349.  
Large Group Discussion.  
**Inferences and Reading Literature Test.**

**November 14**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 7  
Facts and Opinions: Living in a Diverse Society, pp. 351 - 379.  
In class Writing / Discussion.  
**Reading Response # 9,**  
“The War Prayer” by Mark Twain, pp. 497 - 502.

**Week 13**

**November 19**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 7  
Facts and Opinions, pp. 379 - 404.  
In class Writing / Discussion.  
**Facts and Opinions Test.**

**November 21**

**Wed. No Class - Thanksgiving Recess!**

**Week 14**

**November 26**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 8  
Critical Thinking: Science, Society, and Disease, pp. 405 - 422.  
Small Group Work / Discussion.  
**Reading Response # 10,**  
“Ethical Issues Surrounding Death” by John Macionis,  
pp. 503 - 507.

**Week 14**

**November 28**

**Wed. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 8  
Critical Thinking, pp. 422 - 437 .  
Large Group Discussion.  
**Reading Quiz # 8.**

**Week 15**

**December 3**

**Mon. Reading:** *A Community of Readers*, Chapter 8  
Critical Thinking, pp. 437 - 458.  
**Critical Thinking Test.**

**December 5**

**Wed. Reading:** Cumulative Mastery Test 1B, pp. 519 - 527.  
Review course work.  
Large Group Discussion  
Review for Exit Exam.

**Week 16**

**December 10**

**Mon. Exit Exam**