

Syllabus  
**ESL 060: English for Speakers of Other Languages I**  
Three Rivers Community College  
Fall 2008

Course Description

Thames Valley Campus E210

Monday & Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

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Office hours: By appointment

This ESL course offers English Language Learners (ELL) strategies to improve vocabulary, reading comprehension, spelling, and pronunciation skills. Through dedicated participation in the process, students will come to understand how the strengthening of each skill supports the other, and how success in all college courses depends on a strong foundation. Emphasis is placed on reading, listening, communication, and vocabulary in context strategies.

Coursework includes, but is not limited to:

Phonics a. consonants b. vowels c. syllables

Dictionary Uses a. pronunciation b. definitions c. synonyms d. parts of speech

Prefixes, suffixes and root words

Vocabulary in Context – Learn strategies to identifying context clues and understand new vocabulary.

Identify the main idea supporting details of short readings.

Participate in group discussions and assignments.

Reading & Writing assignments

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the term, students will achieve outcomes pertinent to:

1. Employment of strategies to identify new vocabulary, the main idea, and supporting details of short readings and presentations.
2. The ability to develop and utilize increased vocabulary, reading comprehension, pronunciation, and listening skills.
3. Demonstrate increased reading comprehension, oral communication skills and ability to articulate ideas clearly.
4. Formation of well structured sentences on tests and writing assignments.

How Grades Are Determined:

a. **Class Participation (10%)** - Includes attendance, punctuality, appropriate contributions to class discussions, and on time completions of homework assignments. Reading all assigned work and coming to class prepared is an essential part of class participation.

b. **Read Comprehension (60%) and Vocabulary Tests (30%)**

You will receive in class tests based on contents of lectures, class discussions, activities, and homework assignments. You will not always be notified of a quiz or reading assignment prior to the date, so take notes, complete homework and class assignments on time, and follow up with questions when you need additional clarification.

Please note that outcomes on this portion will determine approximately 90%, a large percentage of your grade. **Make-up tests will not be available.** An assigned test, quiz, in class writing or group activity is part of the class activity for that day. It is extremely important to attend all classes and stay current with all coursework.

c. **Midterm and/or Final (not yet determined)**

Final Grade Possibilities		
A (93-100)	A-	(90-92)
B+ (87-89)	B(83-86)	B- (80-82)
C+ (77-79)	C (73-76)	C-(60-62)
D+ (67-69)	D(63-66)	D-(60-62)
	F	(0-59)

Please note that students must earn a grade of C or better to meet the prerequisite to advance into a higher level course.

Required Texts and Materials:

- ✓ GROUNDWORK FOR COLLEGE READING (WITH PHONICS), 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Bill Broderick, Townsend Press ISBN 1-59194-068-9
- ✓ GROUNDWORK for a BETTER VOCABULARY, 3/e ISBN 1 59194-014-1
- ✓ American Heritage Pocket Dictionary This dictionary is required for specific textbooks assignments.
  - A 3-ring binder or 8 x 11 notebook w/college ruled paper, a minimum of 2 sections, and pockets,
  - Pens, a highlighter and pencils
  - Inexpensive headphones (optional) for audio portions of ESL software programs.
  - Instructor hand-outs of reading assignments

Be sure to bring your Text American Heritage Pocket Dictionary, and completed homework assignments to class.

Attendance and Lateness Policy

Students are expected to attend all classes. Any missed test, quiz, writing assignment, class discussion, or review may have an adverse effect on your grade. A large amount of material is covered throughout a term, and it is not possible to review missed classes for an individual. It will be the responsibility of the student to contact another student for pertinent information before returning to class. As with employment, attendance is very important. Consider your class

schedule before setting up personal appointments. If you are late for class, walk in quietly and take the closest available seat.

Cancellation of classes-If all classes are cancelled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, public announcements will be made on local TV networks and on the TRCC On-line Home screen.

If this class is cancelled by the instructor due to illness, a written announcement will be placed on the classroom door. In addition, every effort will be made to notify you well before the time the class is scheduled to meet.

#### Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use of another person's words or ideas in your writing. Conscious plagiarism is an unacceptable academic behavior that will result in a zero (0) grade on the assignment in question. Any repeated offense will result in a failing grade for the course. Plagiarism by omission or "unconscious" plagiarism will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Copying from another student, consulting in any way with another student, or relying on prepared answers during a test is not allowed and will result in a grade of (0) zero.

#### Disability Statement

If you have a hidden or visible disability, which may require classroom or test taking modifications, please inform me as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, be sure to register with the Learning Disability Specialists, Mr. Chris Scarborough (located in the Mohegan Campus Library) or Ms. Judy Hilburger (located in the Registrar's office) to find out what services are available for you.

#### Withdrawal Policy

Any student who finds it necessary to discontinue a course once class has met must provide written notice to the registrar. Withdrawal forms are available at the Registrar's office on the Thames and Mohegan campuses, and the office at the Sub base.

Nonpunitive "W" grades are assigned to withdrawal requests. An instructor's signature is necessary after the deadline date as stated in the semester's calendar. No withdrawals are permitted after the last class preceding the final exam. If a student does not obtain an official withdrawal, but simply stops attending classes, he or she runs the risk of receiving a failing grade for the course.

#### Revisions to Syllabus

The information contained in the syllabus is subject to revision at my discretion. If changes are made, I will inform the class of the changes as soon as it is possible to do so.