**EAP 0420C SYLLABUS**

**INTERMEDIATE READING FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH**

**Session:** Fall, 2017

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**Required Texts/Materials:** Reading Explorer 3 Second edition (Cengage Learning) and **Treasure Island**

2 packages green scantrons (882-E)

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• Prerequisite:Demonstration of required level of English proficiency (required placement score) or minimum grade of C in EAP 0320C.

• Objectives: Students develop the ability to comprehend longer texts of limited length and difficulty on a variety of academically-related topics, expand vocabulary knowledge, and begin to apply critical reading skills.

• Competencies: 1) improving English vocabulary, 2) locating key concepts, 3) reading and understanding, 4) understanding and using information resources, and 5) reading for personal enrichment. Required lab work is a homework component of this course. Credit does not apply to any associate degree. Minimum grade of C required for successful completion. (Special Fee: $30.00)

Other Objectives: In addition to specific EAP objectives, the course will reinforce the following competencies wholly or partially.

Valencia Competencies: Valencia has defined four interrelated competencies that prepare students to succeed in the world community: (1) think, (2) value, (3) act, and (4) communicate. The college catalog outlines these competencies. The activities in this course will further develop your mastery of the four core competencies.

**Student Code of Conduct**   
Student Code of Classroom Conduct Policy Number: 6Hx28:10-18   
Activities which disrupt classroom setting and which are in violation of this Student Code of Classroom Conduct are those which, with or without intent to do so, are disruptive of the essence of the educational process. Faculty members are authorized to define, communicate, and enforce appropriate standards of decorum in classrooms, offices, and other instructional areas under their supervision. In the case of the violation of the Student Code of Classroom Conduct, the faculty member may initiate personal conferences, verbal and written warnings, referral to the director of student services for counseling, and removal from the classroom pending disciplinary action under policy 6Hx28:10-04. Examples of such disruptive or distracting activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

•  Activities that are inconsistent with commonly acceptable classroom behavior and which are not conducive to the learning experience, such as: tardiness, leaving and returning during class, and early departure when not previously authorized;

•  Activities which violate previously prescribed classroom guidelines or constitute an unreasonable interruption of the learning process;

•  Side discussions which are irrelevant to the subject matter of the class, that distract from the learning process, or impede, hinder, or inhibit the ability of other students to obtain the full benefit of the educational presentation; and,

•  Utterances of "fighting words" or epithets directed specifically toward other persons with the purpose or effect of creating a hostile educational environment or which may reasonably be expected to incite imminent or immediate violence.

Violation of the Student Code of Classroom Conduct shall constitute grounds for student disciplinary action as provided in Policy 6Hx28:10-04.

Valencia College is interested in making sure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience.  To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work.  BayCare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470. Free face-to-face counseling is also available.

**Policies:**

**Attendance:** You will not be graded on attendance/tardiness; however, *work missed due to absences may not be made up*; therefore, your attendance may affect your grade.

**Participation:** Lack of active participation will result in being counted absent. Active participation = thorough preparation, following standards of classroom conduct, **no phones**, English only.

**Late Work:** *Not accepted*

**Academic Honesty:** Copying someone else’s work is considered cheating and will result in a grade of ‘0’.

**Students with Special Needs:** Any student with special needs that may affect his/her progress in this course should notify the instructor as early in the semester as possible.

**Evaluation and Grading Scale:** EAP courses use a ten-point scale, with a C as the minimum passing and advancement grade for each course.

Grades that satisfy the EAP course requirement:

A 90-100%

B 80-89%

C 70-79%

Grades that do NOT satisfy the EAP course requirement:

D 60-69%

F 0-59%

**Determination of final course grade:**

*Lab 15%*

*Midterm Exam 10%*

*Homework* 20%

*Treasure Island Reading Circles*   *(included in homework grade)*

Tests & Quizzes 30%

*Final Exam* 25%

Please find important dates listed on the class calendar.

**Withdrawal deadline:**  Nov. 10 at 11:59 pm

**Final Examinations:** Thefinal exam is a departmental exam. In order to successfully pass the course, the student must pass the final exam with a score of 70% or higher.

**Withdrawal policy:** A student who withdraws from class before the withdrawal deadlinewill receive a grade of W. A student is not permitted to withdraw after the deadline; if a student remains in the class after the deadline, (s)he can only receive a grade of A, B, C, D, F or I. An I grade will only be assigned under extraordinary circumstances that occur near the end of the semester. The professor will not withdraw any student; it is the responsibility of the student to withdraw before deadline and to be aware of the date of the deadline. Withdrawal may affect financial aid.

*Important Note for International Students (F-1 or J-1 Visa):*Be advised that withdrawal may negatively impact your visa status. Consult the International Student Services office for more information on full-time enrollment requirements.

Valencia College is committed to providing each student a quality educational experience. Faculty members have set high standards of instruction for themselves and for you. If you have a problem in a class, your first step is to talk to your instructor. If you are still dissatisfied, you may talk with the academic dean of the division for your class. We will work together to resolve any issues that arise.

**Names and contact information of classmates you can call for help:**

**Important Dates (Fall, 2017)**

**Labor Day (no class)………………………………………………………….Mon., Sept. 4**

**Drop/Refund Deadline ……………………………………………………….Tues., Sept. 5 @ 11:59 pm**

**Midterm Exam………………………………………………………………….Thurs., Oct. 20**

**Withdrawal deadline for a “W” grade…………………………………….. Fri., Nov. 10**

**College Night (no class)……………………………………………………...Thurs., Oct. 12**

**Thanksgiving Holiday…………………………………………………………Wed, Nov. 22 –Nov. 28**

**Final Exam Period………………………………………………………………Dec. 11-17**

**\*Disclaimer: Changes in the syllabus may be made at any time during the term by announcement. A revised syllabus may be issued at the discretion of the professor.**