EAP 0420C - Course Syllabus

**Low Intermediate Reading for Non-Native Speakers of English**

Semester: Fall 2013/CRN#: 14559

Days: Monday and Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Location: West Campus

Room: HSB 120

**Professor**: Mrs. Yogini Dixit-Joshi, MA in English Literature and MA in TESOL

**Office Hours**: I do not have an office on campus. Feel free to email me. I am also willing to stay after class if you have any questions.

**E-mail:** ydixit@mail.valenciacollege.edu (best form of communication)

**\*\*When emailing me, always include the following info in the subject line: name, class, and topic (ex., Yogini Dixit, EAP420, lab, HW).**

**Pre-requisite:** Demonstration of required level of English proficiency or minimum grade of C in EAP 0320

## Description

Students develop the ability to comprehend longer texts of limited length and difficulty on a variety of academically-related topics; they expand vocabulary knowledge, and begin to apply critical reading skills. Required lab work is a homework component of this course. In order to pass this course, students must earn a grade of C or better and a passing score on the Comprehensive Departmental Final Exam.

**Required Lab:** Weekly lab is required in all EAP courses. The instructor will give further details about these assignments.

**Important room numbers: -** Communications Lab & Writing Center 5-155

 Tutoring Center 7-240

**Course Description/Objectives:**

-Student will be able to use context clues to clarify meaning and improve comprehension

-Student will be able to use word structure to clarify meaning and improve comprehension

-Student will recognize (decode) baseline vocabulary

-Student will be able to use collocation, connotation, and other vocabulary concepts to clarify meaning and to improve comprehension

 - Students will be able to read with fluency.

**Course 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.

**Valencia College 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 activities in this course will further develop your mastery of the four core competencies.

**Required Texts/Materials:**

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|  | 1. Reading Keys, 4/e
2. Aplia Instant Access
3. Standard 8½ x 11 college-ruled paper (for writing and class assignments)
4. Active Vocabulary: General and Academic Words, 5/e
5. Oxford Bookworms Stage 4: Treasure Island
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**Classroom Policies:**

**Attendance/Participation:**You are expected to attend all class sessions. Regular attendance promotes success in college and influences the grade you receive. Attendance will be taken every day at the beginning of class, and absences will be recorded. After two absences, you will receive an excessive absence warning notice through ATLAS and will need to have a conference with the instructor. After 3 absences, you may be withdrawn by the instructor with no additional notice. **It is your responsibility to find out what you have missed if you are absent. Absence is not an excuse for being under-prepared.**

\*Note: Two tardies will count as one absence.

**Late/Work:**  No late work will be accepted. If you are absent from class, you can email me your assignment before the end of your scheduled class time.

**Academic Honesty:**No form of academic dishonesty will be accepted in the classroom and in the language lab, this includes plagiarism. Students may not either give or take answers from anyone during any assessment. Academic dishonesty will result in a grade of “0” for the work/test involved and lab hours will be nullified.

**Students with Special Needs:** Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities (West Campus, SSB-102).

**Important information:**

**\*As a student of Valencia Community College, you will be assigned an ATLAS account with an email address. Check your ATLAS account at least once a day for updated communications from your professor. Visit the site at-** [**http://atlasvalenciacc.edu**](http://atlasvalenciacc.edu/)

**Atlas Policy:** In order to assure that I am communicating with the actual student in my course (as well as assure that I am compliant with Florida law), I will only respond to emails from student’s Atlas account. I will delete emails from other sources. (Do not email me through Blackboard as I do not check that email).

**\*Classroom behavior:**

**Use of cell phones, i-pods, etc. is prohibited during class.** Please turn cell phones to vibrate or silent before class begins. Please do not text or check email during class.

**Please be courteous to your instructor and classmates.** If any distracting behavior occurs, the students involved will be asked to leave the classroom and can only return after a conference with the instructor. Students may be withdrawn if asked to leave the classroom on more than one occasion. **If you have a medical condition that requires you to leave the classroom during class, please advise your instructor.**

**\* Calendar dates and assignments are subject to change. The professor may give a revised calendar when/if this occurs.**

**How you will be graded…**

**EVALUATION AND GRADING SCALE:**

EAP courses use a ten-point scale, with "C" as the minimum passing and advancement grade for each course.

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                                                                    B                 80 -   89%

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                                            Grades that **DO NOT** satisfy the EAP course requirement:

 D                 60 - 69%

 F                 0 - 59%

**DETERMINATION OF FINAL COURSE GRADE:**

Attendance and Participation                                                             20%

Lab Work                                                                                           10%

Midterm Exam                                                                                  20%

Home work/ quizzes 20%

Final Exam                                                                                         20%

Journal/Articles                                                                           10%

Total 100%

**NOTE:** You must earn a grade of 70% or higher in all the course work in order to pass this course.

**NOTE:** By continuing in this course, you agree to be bound by the policies within this syllabus.

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