Midland College Syllabus
ESL 0371 Academic ESL: Reading & Vocabulary

Course Description: This course is designed to develop basic reading comprehension, vocabulary, and study skills for non-native speakers of English in order to prepare students to be more effective learners in the English language. The class will be introduced to literature through fiction and non-fiction, drama, and short stories. Lab assignments will be individualized. Pronunciation, vocabulary development, and reading text will be strongly emphasized. Lab assignments will be individualized.

Supplies:

Burlington English Program
Binder, dividers, notebook paper, pens, pencils, and highlighters.

Course Goals/Objectives:

Upon successfully completing this course, the student should be able to:

- Understand author’s tone and purpose
- Understand differences between author’s writings
- Grasp diction skills
- Understand differences between vocabulary and written content
- Understand the cultural aspects of languages and their influences on American society.
- Determine main idea and summarize selections

Student Contributions and Class Policies:
The student will maintain a record of activities from the activities and supplemental homework assignments.
The student will be responsible for regular and prompt attendance. Make prior arrangements with your instructor if you will be unable to turn your work in on time. Late work will be penalized.

Attendance
Three consecutive classroom hours of unexcused absences or a total of 6 classroom hours of unexcused absences may result in failure in this course. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the classroom instructor if an unavoidable absence occurs. The course is dependent upon student participation.

Grading Policy
Attendance – 25%
Assignments/Quizzes – 50%
Participation – 25%
ADA Statement: Any student who, because of a disabiling condition, may require some special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible. These conditions may include documented physical or educational disabilities. Please be aware that services or accommodations are not automatic. Each student must request them and secure the proper authorizations.

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