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MWF: 2:05 pm -2:55 pm  
Building 07 Room 0314  
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Building 19 Room 0106

*Cambridge Dictionary of American English*

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is an advanced reading course for college-bound students of English as a second language. This course is designed to develop effective reading strategies and build academic vocabulary. This course is for credit with Pass/Fail grading.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Students will develop critical reading skills such as

- Identifying the main idea
- Identifying the supporting details
- Using context clues to understand vocabulary
- Reading dictionary entries
- Analyzing text
- Skimming / scanning to look for information
- Forming ideas and opinions, drawing conclusions
- Organizing information by using diagrams, charts, outlines
- Summarizing and paraphrasing

METHODOLOGY: Students read a variety of articles from the textbook as well as periodicals and newspapers, analyze the reading material, participate in class discussions of the readings, and do assignments related to the topics discussed. Tests are given on several units.

COURSE POLICIES: You are expected to attend all classes. Attendance will be taken during the first 5 minutes of the class period.

Please note on your syllabus when Tests are scheduled. Tests are closed book and no dictionaries (paper or electronic) are allowed.

Missed class work and quizzes can't be made up. Missed exams cannot be made up without excuse from the Dean of Students.

Reasonably neat work is expected on all material submitted for grading. No late homework will be accepted. Homework will be collected on its due date.
COURSE EVALUATION: The course grade will be based on tests, class work, quizzes and homework. The final grade for the course is Pass or Fail. Pass = 72% or more. Fail = 71% or below.

Tests: 40%  Class work: 20%  Quizzes: 20%  Homework: 20%

SYLLABUS

Week 1:  8/31-9/4  Introduction
         Skimming
         Scanning
         News Headlines

Monday, September 7, 2009 - Labor Day recess

Week 2:  9/8-9/11  TT: Chapter 1: Hop, Skip ... and Software
         TT: Chapter 1: Program to Bring Laptop Computers to Rural
         Schools

Friday, September 11- K-Day recess begins at noon

Week 3:  9/14-9/18  TT: Chapter 2: My Husband the Outsider
         TT: Chapter 2: Unwelcome in Chinatown
         Tech Talk: Unit 1: Computers and Automation
         TEST: Wednesday, September 16

Week 4:  9/21-9/25  TT: Chapter 3: Beyond Rivalry
         TT: Chapter 3: Middle Children and their Position in the Family
         Tech Talk: Unit 2: Flight

Week 5:  9/28-10/2  TT: Chapter 4: Who Lives Longer?
         TT: Chapter 4: More Senior Citizens, Fewer Kids
         Tech Talk: Unit 2: Flight

Week 6:  10/5-10/9  TT: Chapter 5: How to Behave in a Hospital
         Tech Talk: Unit 3: Health Care in Space
         TEST: Wednesday, October 7

Week 7:  10/12-10/16  Tech Talk: Unit 4: Wind Power

Week 8:  10/19-10/23  TT: Chapter 7: Assisted Suicide: Multiple Perspectives
         TT: Chapter 7: Matters of Life and Death
         Tech Talk: Unit 4: Wind Power

Week 9:  10/26-10/30  TT: Chapter 8: Trading Flesh around the Globe?
         TT: Chapter 8: Sales of Kidneys Prompt New Laws and Debate
         Tech Talk: Unit 5: High-Tech Lizards
TEST: Wednesday, October 28

Week 10: 11/2-11/6
TT: Chapter 9: The Gift of Life
TT: Chapter 9: Two Parents Offer Their Daughter the Breath of Life-to No Avail
Tech Talk: Unit 6: Time and the Brain

Week 11: 11/9-11/13
TT: Chapter 10: Playing with Fire
TT: Chapter 10: Taking Two Steps Back
Tech Talk: Unit 7: Engineering Achievements

Week 12: 11/16-11/20
TT: Chapter 11: Wilder Places for Wilder Things
TT: Chapter 11: Predators on the Prowl
Tech Talk: Unit 7: Engineering Achievements
TEST: Wednesday, November 18

11/21-11/29 THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week 13: 11/30-12/4
TT: Chapter 12: A Nuclear Graveyard
TT: Chapter 12: A Nuclear Graveyard (excerpt)
Tech Talk: Unit 8: Science News and Fun

Week 14: 12/7-12/11
Tech Talk: Unit 8: Science News and Fun

FINALS WEEK: 12/14-12/18 English Language Proficiency Test

This syllabus is subject to change by the instructor as appropriate.

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Affirmative Action: http://www.admin.mtu.edu/aap/
Disability Services: http://www.admin.mtu.edu/urp/studenthandbook/student_services.html#disability

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