SMILE-ESL 0410
Advanced Reading

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Class Times/Location:
MTWR 10:05 am 10:55am, Room 139, Walker Hall

TEXTS: Topics for Today by Lorraine C. Smith and Nancy Nici Mare; Feed, M. T. Anderson; 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
- Summarizing and paraphrasing

METHODOLOGY: Students read a variety of articles from the textbook and online, analyze the reading material, participate in class discussions of the readings, and do assignments related to the topics and texts discussed. Semester grades will include vocabulary quizzes, reading strategy tests, and homework assignments. Tests are closed-book and no dictionaries (paper or electronic) are allowed.

COURSE POLICIES: You are expected to attend all classes. Attendance will be recorded at the beginning of the hour, and will be one aspect of your overall grade for the semester.

Missed class work and quizzes can not 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. All homework should be produced on a word-processor. No late homework will be accepted - homework will be collected on its due date.

COURSE EVALUATION: The course grade will be based on tests, quizzes, and homework assignments. The final grade for the course is Pass or Fail. Pass = 72% or more. Fail = <72%
Note: This Syllabus may change throughout the semester to accommodate the needs of the class.

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