

**Valencia College**  
**EAP 1620 - Advanced Reading for**  
**Non-Native Speakers of English\***  
**Summer Semester 2012**

| <b>Section</b> | <b>Course</b> | <b>Classroom</b> | <b>Day</b> | <b>Time</b>     |
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| 33262          | EAP1620       | 8-137            | MW         | 8:00am – 9:35am |
| 23666          | EAP 1620      | 8-137            | TR         | 8:0am – 9:35am  |

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**Required Texts**

There are currently no required texts for this course, activities, handouts, in-class readings, and other course content will be provided through the online component of the course. Students will then have the option of printing the materials or sharing them to e-readers and smart devices. Some content will also be made available for in-class download to smart devices using QR Code. (If you are not sure what any of that means, don't worry about it; I will be showing you!)

**Course Description**

- Prerequisite: demonstration of required level of English proficiency or minimum grade of C in EAP 1520

Students develop ability to comprehend and interpret authentic college-level texts in content areas by applying appropriate reading strategies. Lab work of two hours per week is a required component of this course. In order to pass this course, students must earn a grade of C or better in course work and lab work and a passing score on the Comprehensive State Exit Final Exam.

**Course Competencies:**

1) Improving English vocabulary, 2) locating key concepts, 3) reading critically, 4) reading for study and enjoyment, and 5) reading multi-media/hypertext material effectively. EAP 1620 will also reinforce the following competencies wholly or partially: CLAST Communication Skills: essay, reading, English language, and logical reasoning skills; and Valencia Student Core Competencies: Think, Value, Act, & Communicate

**Think:** Think clearly, critically, and creatively by being able to analyze, synthesize, integrate, and evaluate in many domains of human inquiry

**Value:** Make reasoned judgments and responsible commitments with empathy and fair-mindedness.

**Act:** In personal, professional, and community settings, act purposefully, effectively, and responsibly with courage and perseverance.

**Communicate:** Effectively communicate verbally, non-verbally, and visually with honesty and civility in different disciplines and settings with different audiences using varied means.

## Assessment of Major Learning Outcomes

During the course of the semester students will be assessed, both formatively and summatively, on their ability to apply thinking and problem solving/critical thinking strategies to college level reading materials and demonstrate comprehension of college reading materials.

## Classroom Policies

### **Attendance/Participation**

Attendance is required, but preparedness and participation are equally important. All students are expected to be in class on time with all required materials and ready to participate. **Simple presence in the classroom DOES NOT constitute attendance.** Presence in combination with preparedness and participation does. Two incidences of a lack of preparation/participation or of tardiness of more than 5 minutes will be considered the same as an absence. Students who show up after attendance has been taken are responsible for notifying the instructor of their presence in the classroom. Failure to do so will result in an absence. Students will be permitted 2 absences provided they have given advance notice and have proper documentation. Absences without advance notice and/or documentation will be considered unexcused absences. Students with 2 unexcused absences cannot earn a grade higher than B in the course. Students with 4 unexcused absences may be withdrawn at the discretion of the instructor.

Thoughtful completion of online activities will count as attendance for hybrid/on-line class meetings. Failure to complete online work by the appropriate due dates will be considered the same as absence in face to face courses and the same consequences will apply.

### **Late Papers**

All assignments are due during the first five minutes of class on the assigned day. **No late work will be accepted.** However, make up work can be given if students request it, but only at the discretion of the instructor.

### **Withdrawal from the Class**

Per Valencia Policy 4-07 (Academic Progress, Course Attendance and Grades, and Withdrawals), a student who withdraws from class before the withdrawal deadline of (Mar 25<sup>th</sup>) will receive a grade of "W." A student is not permitted to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline. A faculty member MAY withdraw a student up to the beginning of the final exam period for violation of the class attendance policy. A student who is withdrawn by faculty for violation of the class attendance policy will receive a grade of "W." Any student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a class during a third or subsequent attempt in the same course will be assigned a grade of "F." For a complete policy and procedure overview on Valencia Policy 4-07 please go to: <http://valenciacc.edu/generalcounsel/policydetail.cfm?RecordID=75>.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia Community College. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive. Any student determined by the professor to have been guilty of engaging in an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to a range of academic penalties as determined by the professor. The penalties may include, but not be limited to, one or more of the following:

- Loss of credit for an assignment, examination, or project

- Reduction in the course grade
- A grade of “F” in the course

For further detail, refer to the Student Code of Conduct in the current Valencia Student Handbook.

**Required Lab:**

Students in EAP courses are required to complete a minimum of two hours’ worth of lab assignments each week. Lab work in this course will be explained by the instructor early in the semester

**OSD Notice:**

Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide notification from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the instructor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities, and the professor will provide the necessary accommodations after being notified. The East Campus Office is located in Building 5, Rm. 216.

**Atlas & Black Board:**

Your Atlas account and the class Black Board page are essential tools for your success in the course. Class notifications, progress notices, and attendance warnings are sent through Atlas (check your Atlas e-mail and Black Board prior to each course meeting). If you need help, technical support and computer labs are available.

**Important Dates**

**Withdrawal Deadline:** June 29th  
**Class Does Not Meet:** May 28<sup>th</sup> & July 4<sup>th</sup>

**Determination of Course Grade**

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| <b>State Exit Test (Final Exam)</b>                                    | 25%        |
| <b>Attendance &amp; Participation</b>                                  | 15%        |
| <b>PR Reading Assignments</b>  | 15%        |
| <b>PR Reading Journal</b>  | 15%        |
| <b>Reading Exams (Avg. of 4 total = 3 practice and one state exit)</b> | 15%        |
| <b><u>Online Vocabulary Assignments (Avg. of 10 Voc. quizzes)</u></b>  | <u>15%</u> |
|  | 100%       |

**\*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.**