



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2024	Instructor Name:	Brandon Lee
Course Title & #:	ESL 023 Reading 1	Email:	brandon.lee@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10596	Webpage (optional):	N/A
Classroom:	2751	Office #:	203B
Class Dates:	August 12th to December 7th, 2024	Office Hours:	*Please schedule an appointment using your IVC email address. MW: 1:00 pm - 3 pm T: 11:00 am - 1 pm
Class Days:	T	Office Phone #:	TBA - to be announced
Class Times:	6pm –9:10 pm	Emergency Contact:	Contact the ALLS Department Secretary (760) 355-6337
Units:	3	Class Format/Modality:	In-person

Course Description

This course is designed to assist intermediate level ESL students in developing reading skills and reading efficiency in English. Focus will be placed on understanding text structure and overall comprehension of various texts. Further development of reading skills will also be emphasized.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to: 1. Analyze a reading to identify the topic and main idea, and to distinguish between major and minor details (ILO 2). 2. Use knowledge of vocabulary and structure to determine the rhetorical mode of a reading (ILO 2). 3. Apply knowledge of usage of an English-only dictionary to aid in reading comprehension (ILO 2).

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate ability to use reading skills such as skimming, scanning, vocabulary in context, making inferences, previewing, and making predictions to aid in overall comprehension

2. Demonstrate ability to identify topics of readings
3. Demonstrate ability to identify explicit and implicit main ideas, and major/minor supporting details
4. Identify text structures - listing, time order, comparison/contrast, cause/effect - for the purpose of drawing a conclusion
5. Demonstrate competency to interpret charts and graphs
6. Demonstrate ability to choose a book of an appropriate level, read independently and provide supporting documentation of such, such as a reading log and report.
7. Correctly use an English-only dictionary to locate and decode words, identify parts of speech and antonyms and synonyms to understand texts.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Reading Explorer 3

Student Book with Online Workbook

by [David Bohlke](#) (Author), [Nancy Douglas](#) (Author)

ISBN-10: 0357124715 ISBN-13: 978-0357124710

NOTE: You are not required to buy a new book. However, you must have access to the online workbook. You cannot complete the coursework required for the class without the online workbook.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

1. Assignments: You are expected to have your books by the 2nd week of instruction. Please erase answers in used books by the second week. Homework will be assigned in the book and handouts. If you do not erase old answers, you will get a 0 on assignments. Late assignments will NOT be accepted. This means that you can't wait until the end of the term to try to complete your work. If you are late for your book conference you will receive a 0 unless you come to office hours on the same day.
2. Tests and Quizzes: Each week you can expect to have one or two quizzes, usually at the beginning of class. You will have a test at the end of each unit. If you miss a test, you have ONE WEEK to make it up. If you don't make it up, you will receive a 0. I will leave the quizzes and tests at the tutoring center in the library. It is your responsibility to make an appointment and take the quiz. If you don't take the quiz within a week, your grade will be zero.
3. Notecards: You will be assigned to create 5 notecards from material in class and in the textbook every week. Notecards will be checked at the beginning of class. You are expected to keep the notecards organized during the semester.
4. Out-of-Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

This class uses a weighted grading system. The points for each assignment count toward a category. The weights are as follows:

Assignments and homework 10%

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Quizzes 10%

Presentations and projects 50%

Midterm 10% Final 20%

Total 100%.

For assignments will be posted in Canvas. * Quizzes and discussion assignments will not be accepted late and must be completed on or before the original due date to get points.

Course Policies

Attendance

I do not drop students after the first week. If at any time a student decides he or she would not like to continue in the course, the student is responsible for dropping the class or receiving a grade that reflects the amount and quality of work he or she has or has not done at the end of the course.

A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.

Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.

Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

All students are expected to be on time and prepared for class. All students should be respectful to each other and the instructor. Remember that we are all here to learn, and learning requires practice. Nobody is perfect, and nobody in the class should feel scared or embarrassed about making mistakes. They are a part of learning!

Students should ask questions if they are confused or need something repeated. Asking questions means that a student wants to learn and is paying attention. Written work should be neat and turned in on time. Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor. ☒ Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.

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Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalog. Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property. There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct. ☐ Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.

Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the academic assignment's context. Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action.

Please refer to the General Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) plagiarism
- (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment
- (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination
- (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment
- (e) using a commercial term paper service

IVC Student Resources

Imperial Valley College offers numerous services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available. Canvas Guides. The Canvas guides provide a variety of support channels available to students 24 hours per day. Learning Services. There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through computers and tutors.

Please consult your Campus Map for the Math Lab; Reading, Writing & Language Labs; and the Study Skills Center. ☐ Library Services. There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the Study Skills Center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS): Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and



Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

Student Health Center: A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provides basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC Student Health Center at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.

Mental Health Counseling Services: Short-term individual, couples, family, and group therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

Student Rights and Responsibilities Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC General Catalog.

Information Literacy Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC Library Department provides numerous Information Literacy Tutorials to assist students in this endeavor.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS): The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of professionals ready to help you resolve academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also, under the umbrella of EOPS, our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-3555713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.



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Student Equity Program: The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College’s success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement.

Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students.

The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness.

We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students’ access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.

The Student Equity Program also houses IVC’s Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

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Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Our class will use 6 chapters from the textbook as “units.” Each unit will follow a similar structure. Assignments may change at any time! Pay attention to class announcements and emails for updated due dates and assignments.

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 August 13th	Syllabus & Introduction	Students have one week to order or buy books.
Week 2 August 27th	Unit 1: Sport and Fitness	p. 6 - 22
Week 3 September 3rd	Unit 2: Skin Deep	p. 23 - 38

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Week 4 September 10th 09/09 - NO CLASS - Labor Day	Unit 3: Animals in Danger	p. 39 - 56
Week 5 September 17th	Unit 4: Violent Earth	p. 57 - 72
Week 6 September 24th	Unit 5: Islands and Beaches	p. 73 - 88
Week 7 October 1st	Unit 6: Success and Failure	p. 89 - 104
Week 8 October 8th	Unit 7: Global Addictions	p. 105 - 120
Week 9 October 15th	Unit 8: Epic Engineering	p. 121 - 138
Week 10 October 22nd	Unit 9: Far Out	p. 139 - 156
Week 11 October 29th	Unit 10: All in the Mind	p. 157 - 172
Week 12 November 5th	Unit 11: Art and Life	p. 173 - 190
Week 13 November 12th	Unit 12: Medical Challenges	p. 191 - 206
Week 14 November 19th		Review for Final Exam
Week 15 November 26th	Thanksgiving Break - NO CLASS	
Week 16 December 3rd		Final Exam

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****