

# College of San Mateo Course Outline

- New Course  
 Update/No change  
 Course Revision (Minor)  
 Course Revision (Major)

Date: 11-13-06

Department: READ

Number: 455

Course Title: College-Level Vocabulary Improvement-Level 2 Units: .5-1.5

Hours/Week: Lecture:

Lab:

By Arrangement: 1.5-5.0 Hrs/Wk

## Length of Course

- Semester-long  
 Short course (Number of weeks \_\_\_)  
 Open entry/Open exit

## Grading

- Letter  
 Credit/No Credit  
 Grade Option (letter or Credit/No Credit)

1. **Prerequisite** (Attach Enrollment Limitation Validation Form.)

None

2. **Corequisite** (Attach Enrollment Limitation Validation Form.)

None

3. **Recommended Preparation** (Attach Enrollment Validation Form.)

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for READ 400 or 405 or ENGL 100

4. **Catalog Description** (Include prerequisites/corequisites/recommended preparation.)

A self-paced, individualized course designed to improve college-level vocabulary skills through a words-in-context approach. Students will use textbooks and computer programs to study up to 300 words. Credit/No Credit grading. Open entry/open exit. Variable units. May be taken 3 times for a maximum of 1.5 units. By Arr 1.5-5.0 Hrs/Wk (CSU)

5. **Class Schedule Description** (Include prerequisites/corequisites/recommended preparation.)

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6. **Student Learning Outcomes** (Identify 1-6 expected learner outcomes using active verbs.)

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- 1: Spell and define up to 300 words with a minimum of 80% correct.
- 2: Correctly pronounce up to 300 words.
- 3: Apply the words to reading material and understand them in other contexts; infer meanings of words using context clues.
- 4: Write sentences that correctly incorporate the vocabulary words

7. **Course Objectives** (Identify specific teaching objectives detailing course content and activities. *For some courses, the course objectives will be the same as the student learning outcomes. If this is the case, please simply indicate this in this section).*

Same as the student learning outcomes.

8. **Course Content** (Brief but complete topical outline of the course that includes major subject areas [1-2 pages]. Should reflect all course objectives listed above. In addition, you may attach a sample course syllabus with a timeline.)

Students will complete up to 30 chapters and take up to 5 unit exams and a comprehensive exam to demonstrate understanding and proficiency of up to 300 college-level words that comprise this course. In each lesson, the students will be introduced to 10 new words through a sentence completion review process. The students also will learn word pronunciation by using the dictionary guide, pronounce the words in each chapter, and write sentences using new vocabulary. Additional textbook and computer exercises will provide further vocabulary practice. This is designed as a variable-unit course; for each half-unit earned, students will complete 10 chapters, pass a mastery test for each chapter, and pass a unit review test and a final exam.

9. **Representative Instructional Methods** (Describe instructor-initiated teaching strategies that will assist students in meeting course objectives. Include examples of out-of-class assignments, required reading and writing assignments, and methods for teaching critical thinking skills.)

Individual or small group discussion and self-paced textbook and computer activities

10. **Representative Methods of Evaluation** (Describe measurement of student progress toward course objectives. Courses with required writing component and/or problem-solving emphasis must reflect critical thinking component. If skills class, then applied skills.)

Instructor approval of work at regular intervals  
Chapter tests, unit review test, and final exam  
Writing assignments using vocabulary words

11. **Representative Text Materials** (With few exceptions, texts need to be current. Include publication dates.)

Advanced Vocabulary - 1st edition 2002- by Johnson & Gamer (Townsend Press)

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