

**College of San Mateo  
Official Course Outline**

1. **COURSE ID:** READ 412    **TITLE:** College-Level Introductory Reading Improvement  
**Semester Units/Hours:** 0.5 - 1.0 units; a minimum of 24.0 lab hours/semester; a maximum of 48.0 lab hours/semester

**Method of Grading:** P/NP Only

**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for READ 400 or 405 OR ENGL 100 or 105.

2. **COURSE DESIGNATION:**

**Degree Credit**

**Transfer credit:** CSU

3. **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Catalog Description:**

Practice methods increasing comprehension, vocabulary, critical reading, study-reading strategies, and/or speed using college-level reading materials. May include internet, computer-assisted, and/or DVD assignments. Uses self-paced programs based on individual diagnostic test results to meet specific student needs. Students may enroll any time through the twelfth week of the semester.

4. **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) (SLO'S):**

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will meet the following outcomes:

1. Read and understand college-level text by applying comprehension strategies such as identifying topics, stated and implied main ideas, major/minor details.
2. Read and understand college-level text by recognizing inferences, fact/opinion, bias, tone, mood, purpose, audience, conclusions, and figurative language.
3. Use metacognitive logs to demonstrate reading comprehension of college-level texts.
4. Analyze college-level words, structurally and contextually to improve vocabulary.

5. **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES:**

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

1. Read and understand college-level text by applying comprehension strategies such as identifying topics, stated and implied main ideas, major/minor details.
2. Read and understand college-level text by applying critical comprehension strategies such as inferences, fact/opinion, bias, tone, mood, purpose, audience, conclusions, and figurative language.
3. Use metacognitive logs to demonstrate reading comprehension of college-level texts.
4. Analyze college-level words, structurally and contextually to improve vocabulary.

6. **COURSE CONTENT:**

**Lab Content:**

Various college-level reading materials in which students practice the various reading methods to increase comprehension, vocabulary, critical reading, study-reading strategies, and/or speed on transfer-level, low-advanced level college-texts. Use of dvd and internet sites to improve test-taking, speed, and critical reading skills.

7. **REPRESENTATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:**

Typical methods of instruction may include:

A. Discussion

B. Other (Specify): Individual or small group discussion and self-paced textbook and computer activities

8. **REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

Representative assignments in this course may include, but are not limited to the following:

**Writing Assignments:**

Students will create metacognitive logs on college-level texts.

**Reading Assignments:**

Self-paced textbook and computer activities.

9. **REPRESENTATIVE METHODS OF EVALUATION**

Representative methods of evaluation may include:

- A. Exams/Tests
- B. Lab Activities
- C. Quizzes
- D. Instructor approval of work at regular intervals • Mastery tests

10. **REPRESENTATIVE TEXT(S):**

Possible textbooks include:

- A. Pauk, W.. *How to Study in College*, 11th ed. Boston: Wadsworth/Cengage, 2013
- B. Whitehead & Mason. *Study Skills for Nurses*, 2nd ed. Safe Publications, 2007
- C. Nist. *Advancing Vocabulary Skills*, 4/e ed. West Berline: New Jersey, 2013

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