## Course Specifications

| Course Title: | Reading 3 |
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| Course Code: | 3012242-3 |
| Program: | English Language 301200 |
| Department: | English Language |
| College: | Al Leith University College |
| Institution: | Umm Al-Qura University |

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## A. Course Identification


6. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)

| No | Mode of Instruction | Contact Hours | Percentage |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Traditional classroom | 3 hours per week | $100 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Blended | 0 | $0 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | E-learning | 0 | $0 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | Correspondence | 0 | $0 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | Other | 0 | $0 \%$ |

7. Actual Learning Hours (based on academic semester)

| No | Activity | Learning Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Contact Hours |  |  |
| 1 | Lecture | $\begin{gathered} \text { (3 hours) x }(15 \\ \text { weeks) } \end{gathered}$ |
| 2 | Laboratory/Studio | 0 |
| 3 | Tutorial | 0 |
| 4 | Others (specify) | $\begin{gathered} \text { (1 office hour) } \mathrm{x}(15 \\ \text { weeks) } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Total | 60 hours |
| Other Learning Hours* |  |  |
| 1 | Study | (1 hour) x (15 weeks) |
| 2 | Assignments | ( 1 hour) $\times$ ( 15 weeks) |
| 3 | Library | (1 hour) x ( 15 weeks) |
| 4 | Projects/Research Essays/Theses | 0 |
| 5 | Others (specify) | 0 |
|  | Total | 45 hours |

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## B. Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

## 1. Course Description

- In this course students would read various types of texts revolving around different thematic issues such as health, gender, technology, creativity and crime among other things. For each reading selection students will engage in a combination of textual comprehension and reflective/responsive activities to assist them in returning to the texts in thoughtful ways. Indeed, this course is designed to develop students' fluency, confidence and interest in reading in English.


## 2. Course Main Objective

- The main purpose of this course is to develop students' reading skills, including skimming for main ideas, scanning for details, guessing the meaning of new words and expressions from the context and making logical inferences.


## 3. Course Learning Outcomes

| CLOs |  | Aligned PLOs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Knowledge: |  |
| 1.1 | Demonstrate an ability to read quickly enough to cope with an academic course and spell words through an analysis of the structure of the English Language. | K1 |
| 1.2 | Employ pre-reading, skimming, scanning for relevant information and pre-writing techniques. | K2 |
| 1.3 | Identify main ideas and important details in paragraphs and reading selections. | K3 |
| 1.4 | Understand and memorize high frequency words and expressions. | K4 |
| 2 | Skills : |  |
| 2.1 | Produce simple sentences and short paragraphs in response to reading. | S1 |
| 2.2 | Summarize information in paragraphs and reading selections. | S2 |
| 2.3 | Express an opinion about a theme-related item: take a stand by agreeing or disagreeing | S3 |
| 2.4 | Distinguish between beliefs and facts. | S4 |
| 3 | Competence: |  |
| 3.1 | Implement Before-During-After reading strategies that build comprehension. | C1 |
| 3.2 | Apply reading strategies, including underlining, taking notes and outlining. | C2 |
| 3.3 | Interpret texts and make logical inferences. | C3 |
| 3.4 | Predict the content of a reading selection from the title and the illustrations. | C4 |

## C. Course Content

| No | List of Topics | Contact <br> Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | New Challenges : Overpopulation Fuels Megacities, for Better or Worse/ <br> Go with the Floe: Adventure Travel's Love-Hate Relationship with <br> Climate Change. | 6 |
| 2 | Teamwork and Competition: Beckham: An Autobiography/ Outward | 6 |


|  | Bound | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | Gender and Relationships: Being Beautiful or Handsome is Easier than <br> you Think./ Jane Eyre (Excerpts) | 6 |
| 4 | Health \& Leisure: Eat Like a Pasant, Feel Like a King/ Here Come the <br> Tourists | 6 |
| 5 | High Tech, Low Tech: How Hybrid Cards Work ? / Leapfrogging the <br> Technology Gap | 6 |
| 6 | Money Matters: Executive Takes Chance on Pizza, Transforms Spain/ The <br> Luncheon. | 6 |
| 7 | Remarkable Individuals: Confucius, 551 B.C.E- 479 B.C.E /Courage Begins <br> with One Voice. | 6 |
| 8 | Creativity: Pure Genius/ "I Don't do Nice" | 3 |
| Total | 45 |  |

D. Teaching and Assessment

1. Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

| Code | Course Learning Outcomes | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.0 | Knowledge |  |  |
| 1.1 | Demonstrate an ability to read quickly enough to cope with an academic course and spell words through an analysis of the structure of the English Language. | Lectures/tutorials <br> Individual work <br> Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments |
| 1.2 | Employ pre-reading, skimming, scanning for relevant information and pre-writing techniques. | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments Oral discussion |
| 1.3 | Identify main ideas and important details in paragraphs and reading selections. | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments Oral discussion |
| 1.4 | Understand and memorize high frequency words and expressions. | Lectures/tutorials <br> Individual work <br> Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments/quizzes Oral discussion |
| 2.0 | Skills |  |  |
| 2.1 | Produce simple sentences and short paragraphs in response to reading. | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments Oral discussion |
| 2.2 | Summarize information in paragraphs and reading selections. | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments |


| Code | Course Learning Outcomes | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.3 | Express an opinion about a themerelated item: take a stand by agreeing or disagreeing | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments Oral discussion |
| 2.4 | Distinguish between beliefs and facts. | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments |
| 3.0 | Competence |  |  |
| 3.1 | Implement Before-During-After reading strategies that build comprehension. | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments Oral discussion |
| 3.2 | Apply reading strategies, including underlining, taking notes and outlining. | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments |
| 3.3 | Interpret texts and make logical inferences. | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Exams (midterm/final) Homework/written assignments Oral discussion |
| 3.4 | Predict the content of a reading selection from the title and the illustrations. | Lectures/tutorials Individual work Team/peer work | Class participation and oral discussion |

## 2. Assessment Tasks for Students

| $\#$ | Assessment task* | Week Due | Percentage of Total <br> Assessment Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Written assignments/oral discussion/presentation | Every <br> week | $10 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Midterm exam | $6^{\text {th }} / 7^{\mathrm{Th}}$ <br> week | $30 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Final exam | End of <br> term | $\% 60$ |

*Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)

## E. Student Academic Counseling and Support

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice :

- Each instructor should provide academic guidance to a specific number of students in the English language department. Faculty members have four office hours per week in which they try to provide students with further clarification related to the delivered lessons, when needed.


## F. Learning Resources and Facilities

## 1.Learning Resources

| Required Textbooks | Brenda Wegmann, Miki Knezevic. Reading 1:Mosaic. Sixth Edition. <br> The McGraw-Hill Companies, 2014. |
| :---: | :--- |
| Essential References <br> Materials | Spears, D. Improving Reading Skills: Contemporary readings for college <br> students. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill, 2013. |
| Electronic Materials | http://gen.lib.rus.ec/book/index.php?md5=D667938F75953ED401A8 |
| AE5B7793D093 <br> http://eslbeck.wix.com/academic-reading |  |
| Other Learning <br> Materials | $* * * * * * * * * * * *$ |

## 2. Facilities Required

$\left.\begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline \text { Item } & \text { Resources } \\ \hline \begin{array}{c}\text { Accommodation } \\ \text { (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration } \\ \text { rooms/labs, etc.) }\end{array} & -\quad \text { large size classrooms with a capacity of 35 } \\ \text { chairs at least }\end{array}\right]$

## G. Course Quality Evaluation

| Evaluation <br> Areas/Issues | Evaluators | Evaluation Methods |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Effectiveness of teaching and <br> assessment | Students | Direct (online questionnaires) |
| Quality of learning resources | Students <br> Faculty members | Direct (online questionnaires) |
| Quality Unit <br> Extent of achievement of <br> course learning outcomes | Faculty members <br> Students | Direct (online questionnaires) |

Evaluation areas (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)
Evaluators (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify)
Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

## H. Specification Approval Data

| Council / Committee | The English language department's council |
| :--- | :--- |
| Reference No. |  |
| Date | Dr. Hadi Hussein Al-Samadani |
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[^0]:    * The length of time that a learner takes to complete learning activities that lead to achievement of course learning outcomes, such as study time, homework assignments, projects, preparing presentations, library times

