**Mohawk Valley Community College**

**Department for Education & Language Studies**

**Course Outline**

**Course Title: DS051 Essential Reading and Study Skills** C-5, P-0, Cr-0

**Course Description:**

This course improves reading and study skills. It stresses improvement of reading comprehension, vocabulary, and study skills in preparation for college-level coursework.

**Prerequisite:** Appropriate placement test result.

**Co-requisite:** Enrollment in ED112 Critical Thinking and Reasoning (Mandatory).

**Major Topics:**

1. Transition to college
2. Academic self management
3. Creating a support network
4. Basic computer literacy
5. Effective Note taking
6. Developing vocabulary
7. Developing literal recall
8. Learning from textbooks
9. Preparing for exams
10. Test taking strategies

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, the student will:

1. Demonstrate improved reading comprehension
2. Distinguish between main ideas and details
3. Increase reading efficiency
4. Define new vocabulary based on context
5. Use structural clues to define new terms
6. Implement basic principles of time management
7. Demonstrate the ability to take notes
8. Preview text
9. Implement SQ3R
10. Apply mnemonics
11. Take tests effectively
12. Use common reference tools

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