**Mohawk Valley Community College**

**Department for Education & Language Studies**

**Course Outline**

**Course Title: DS090 Academic Reading C-3, Cr-0**

**Catalog Description:**

This course helps students develop the reading and study skills necessary for success in college courses. Topics include time management, note-taking, review techniques, and test-taking skills. Reading instruction includes a systematic reading plan for textbooks, strategies for vocabulary acquisition, skimming and scanning techniques, and textbook notations.

**Prerequisites:**

An appropriate placement test result.

**Mandatory Co-requisite:** A section of a course identified as appropriate by the Department for Education & Language Studies and as linked on BANNER. (Mandatory)

**Major Topics**

1. Academic self management
2. Understanding motivation
3. Goal setting
4. Time Management
5. Vocabulary acquisition
6. Understanding learning and memory
7. Learning from textbooks
8. Learning from lectures
9. Preparing for exams
10. Test taking strategies

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, the student will:

1. Identify the parts of a textbook and demonstrate their use
2. Demonstrate a variety of vocabulary acquisition skills
3. Develop a comprehensive time management/study plan
4. Apply appropriate note-taking skills in classroom situations
5. Apply a systematic reading plan to textbooks
6. Locate specific information through scanning
7. Understand main ideas through skimming
8. Summarize the main ideas of readings
9. Make appropriate textbook notations
10. Demonstrate appropriate review and test-taking strategies
11. Improve reading comprehension

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