**Mohawk Valley Community College**

**Course Outline**

**Course Title: SL102: BEGINNING ENGLISH SKILLS 2 C-15, Cr-15**

**Catalog Description** This course expands on non-native English speakers’ abilities in all language skill areas. Building on the basic language skills of SL 101, this course further develops students’ abilities to read and write, speak, and understand English. Students further their exposure to and understanding of the fundamental skills that prepare them to move on to more academically-oriented ESL courses.

**Prerequisite**: A minimum grade of “C” in SL101: Beginning English Skills 1, or an appropriate placement test result.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the course, the student will:

1. Apply basic academic reading strategies.
2. Demonstrate comprehension when reading a variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction.
3. Participate in conversations on everyday topics and on topics related to class readings.
4. Write several complete simple and compound sentences on a given theme.
5. Correctly use high beginning to low intermediate English grammar.
6. Edit for basic grammatical errors.
7. Recognize the differences between basic formal and informal English words and expressions in both speech and writing.
8. Demonstrate a familiarity with certain common idiomatic expressions.
9. Identify main ideas and details in live and recorded presentations using common high-beginning vocabulary.

**Major Topics**

* Low-intermediate literal reading comprehension
* Beginning-level interpretive reading comprehension
* Low-intermediate literal oral communication
* Beginning-level oral interpretive communication
* High-beginning to low-intermediate grammar
* Beginning-level formal and informal words and expressions
* Idioms
* Low-intermediate listening comprehension
* Simple and compound sentences

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