**Mohawk Valley Community College**

**Course Outline**

**Course Title: SL115 ESL4: Advanced Reading C-4, Cr-4**

**Course Description**

This course prepares advanced non-native English-speaking students for academic reading at the level necessary for college coursework. It focuses on developing vocabulary and strengthening interpretive reading and critical thinking skills as well as also introducing library search strategies. Students must earn a minimum grade of “C” or better to pass the course.

**Prerequisite** A minimum grade of “C” in SL105 ESL3: Intermediate Reading or an appropriate placement test result.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the course, the student will

1. Use college-level English to express interpretive and critical thoughts on fiction and non-fiction readings.
2. Use secondary research sources to gain further understanding of readings.
3. Use college-level survey textbook format and features to improve reading efficiency.
4. Discuss literary concepts such as imagery, tone, metaphor, style, and irony.
5. Define new vocabulary based on context.
6. Use common study skills to organize and retain information.
7. Use appropriate search strategies in the library.

**Major Topics:**

* Advanced interpretive reading comprehension using textual support
* Advanced critical reading comprehension using textual support
* Advanced fiction and non-fiction texts
* Advanced vocabulary through context clues
* Literary concepts
* Study skills
* Library search strategies and sources
* Textbook format and features

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