

Isra University
Faculty of Arts
Course Calendar
2015/2016

Department of English

First Semester

* Course Title: Advanced Reading

* Course No.: 102214

* Instructor : -----

* Office hours: -----

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* Course Description:

This course further develops the objectives of its prerequisite. Basically, it aims at developing reading comprehension through more advanced passages dealing with a wide variety of fields.

* Objectives

To enable the students to practise the following skills :

Distinguishing facts from opinions

Distinguishing facts from theories

Identifying main ideas

Identifying important details

Increasing reading speed

Making inferences

Predicting missing words

Predicting reading content

Predicting vocabulary from content

Predicting word endings

Previewing vocabulary

Scanning for information

Skimming for main ideas

Speed reading skills (goal: 200 wpm)

Surveying material

Understanding details

Understanding figurative language

Understanding outlines

* General Outcome:

The students should be able to increase their reading speed, and to identify main ideas, with important details, also they should predict missing words, preview vocabulary, scan for information and understand figurative language.

Week	Dates	Ch. & PP.	Remarks
First	26-30 /10 /2015	Introduction 1-8	
Second	2-6/11/2015	How to think in English 10	
Third	9-13/11/2015	Reading for pleasure 13	
Fourth	16-20/11/2015	Reading comprehension skills 21	
Fifth	23-27/11/2015	Previewing and predicting 21	<i>First Exam</i>
Sixth	30/11 - 4/12/2015	Scanning 34	
Seventh	7-11/12/2015	Guessing word meaning 47	
Eighth	14-18/12/2015	Topics 60	
Ninth	21-25/12/2015	Topics of conversation 76	
Tenth	28/12/2015 - 1/1/	Topics paragraphs 80	
Eleventh	4 - 8/1/	Main ideas of paragraphs 91	
Twelfth	11-15/1/	Finding the pattern of organization, listing ,time order 101	
Thirteenth	18-22/1/	Finding the pattern of organization 116 ,cause-effect ,comparison	
Fourteenth	25-29/1/	Using reference words 129	<i>Second Exam</i>
Fifteenth	1-5/2/	Skimming 139	<i>Final Exam</i>

* Assessment instruments

1. Short reports and / or presentation, and / or short research projects.
2. First and second exams
3. Attendance and participations
4. Final exam

Grade Distribution	
Assessment instruments	Marks
First examination	25
Second Examination	25
Participation	10
Final examination	40
Total	100

- Textbook and Supporting Material
- Reading power Practical faster reading
 1. Treanor, Brian, *Aspects of alterity: Levinas, Marcel, and the contemporary debate*, Fordham University Press, 2006, p.41
 2. Klein, Ernest, *A comprehensive etymological dictionary of the English language*, Vol II, Elsevier publishing company, Amsterdam, 1969, p.1317
 3. J Saeed, John, *Semantics*, Blackwell, p. 12, Engle, Eric, *Lex Naturalis, Ius Naturalis: Law as Positive Reasoning & Natural Rationality*, The Rlias Clark Group, Melbourne, 2010, p.75
 4. Reimer, Marga (2009). "[Reference](#)". [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#)
 5. Reading power Practical faster reading