

Chongqing University of Posts & Telecommunications  
International College, Spring 2020  
Reading Course Syllabus (subject to change)

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**Hours:** by appointment

**Course Description:** This course further trains students in skills that will increase their English reading fluency, comprehension, and communication, building on the vocabulary, grammar, and reading skills from the Reading 1 course. Through ACTIVE reading, students will Activate prior knowledge, Cultivate vocabulary, Think about meaning, Increase reading fluency, Verify strategies, and Evaluate their reading progress.

**Course Objectives:**

Students will be able to:

- Identify main ideas within paragraphs
- Scan passages for details and respond accurately to comprehension questions
- Accurately apply selected prefixes, suffixes, and root words to unfamiliar words
- Discern the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary in-context of reading passages
- Read seven relevant articles that are more than 600 words to completion using ACTIVE reading

**Text:** 1) Selections from *ACTIVE Skills for Reading: Book 3* – Anderson; and additional worksheets  
2) Reading Journal and selected English articles

**Course Requirements:**

- Students will arrive to class on-time and prepared for the day's lesson/discussion.  
Preparation includes:
  - Completion of all homework assignments. No late work will be accepted for a grade.
  - Willingness to actively participate in class and take notes on presented material.
- Students with two or more absences are ineligible for the Final Exam and will likely fail the course.
  - Arriving late to class two times counts as one absence.
  - Absence from class forfeits a student's participation grade for that week.
- Students will keep a weekly reading journal and read one English Reader by the end of the course
- Students will do his/her own work in preparing for class. Any forms of cheating will be reported to the Academic Affairs Office, and all students involved will receive grades of zero. This includes class assignments, Reading Journal, quizzes, homework, and exams. Plagiarism—copying information found online—is also cheating and will result in grades of zero.
- Cell phones are prohibited in class. Using a cell phone as a dictionary is only allowed with permission from the teacher. Unauthorized use results in phone confiscation for at least 24 hours and a deduction in the participation grade for that week's lesson.

**Assessment:**

25% Class participation\*  
20% Homework/Reading Journal  
10% Quizzes  
15% Reading Journal Presentation  
30% Final exam

**\*Student's grade may be positively or negatively influenced by participation and attendance.**

**Course Plan:**

Week 2-4 – Units 1-3  
Week 5-7 – Units 4-6

Week 8 – Reading Journal Presentation;  
review for Final Exam  
TBD – Written Final Exam

### Spring 2020 Reading 2 Course Agreement

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My continuation in this course indicates that I will abide by the aforementioned codes of conduct or will accept the consequences of failing to do so, including being ineligible for the Final Exam should I be absent from class two or more times.

Furthermore, I commit to completing all of the reading passages, articles, assignments, and Reading Journal with my own efforts to improve my own reading skills.

Signed,

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Chinese name/English name      Date

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