

READING 054 CLASS SYLLABUS

Reading 054 -- Critical College Reading and Thinking

Section 71719 MW 9:20 am to 10:45 am, Main Building, Room E3-501

Fall 2017

Instructor: Aaron Malchow

CONTACT INFORMATION

Best way to contact me are to visit my office or e-mail me.

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Don't use them unless it's absolutely necessary.**

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ABOUT THIS SYLLABUS

I may make changes to the syllabus during the semester, if necessary. If this occurs, you will be notified.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

"This course enables students to examine, develop and apply the concepts of critical reading, critical thinking, analysis, and logical reasoning in multi-discipline and multi-cultural academic sources. Emphasis is on critical reading, logical reasoning/thinking, reflective judgment, and problem-solving skills that lead to the ability to interpret, analyze, and critically evaluate college text, and advocate ideas. This course may also be offered via distance learning. Grade Only." (**Mission College 2017-2018 Course Catalog**, p. 161)

COURSE PREREQUISITES

"Prerequisite: READ 961 or qualifying score on placement test." (**Mission College 2017-2018 Course Catalog**, p. 161)

COURSE OUTCOMES

Upon completing Reading 054, students will be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

- 1 Apply strategies to monitor and improve reading fluency.
- 2 Chose and apply active reading strategies to analyze and evaluate texts.
- 3 Develop motivation, responsibility, persistence, and critical thinking in one's own learning process.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Reliable Internet access, in order to retrieve copies of class assigned readings.
- E-mail account, if I need to contact you. Please have it listed on your Mission Portal profile.
- A dictionary, like the **Longman Dictionary of American English**.
- **A Bolt from the Blue** by Diane A.S. Stuckart

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Please set aside time to read for this class. Each week you could be reading 10-50 pages, requiring at least 2 to 4 hours for reading outside of class.

ONLINE DATABASES FOR ASSIGNED ARTICLES

Most assigned articles for this class will be found in the Mission College Library's Academic Search Premier database on the Mission College Library Research Databases Web page. Please read the Database Directions on my Web Site to help you use the Academic Search Premiere database. If you have difficulty accessing and printing out any articles, you should let me know at the next class, so I can try to help you.

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

Written assignments should meet the standard expectations for college-level work:

- They must be typed, double-spaced, using a 12 pt. font, either in Times New Roman, MS Serif, or Helvetica; you may also use 14 pt. Baskerville.
- They must be proofread, as reoccurring errors can adversely affect your grade.
- They must be submitted in class, at the start of the session, on the due date.

IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

In-class assignments are as important as the out-of-class assignments. You are expected to turn in all in-class assignments on time when asked.

GRADING

Your final grade is based on your completion of all graded assignments and will be calculated as follows:

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| Essay Assignments & Presentations | 90% |
| <u>Final Exam</u> | <u>10%</u> |
| Course Grade | 100% |

Grades on all class activities, as well as the final course grade calculation, are based upon the following scale:

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| A (Excellent) 100-90% | B (Above Average) 89-80% | C (Average) 79-70% | D (Below Average) 69-60% | F (Failure) 59% and below |
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Any assignment not submitted will receive an "F", marked in my grade book records as a "0". Any plagiarized assignment will receive an "F", marked in my grade book records as a "0".

POLICY ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Plagiarism is when an individual takes credit in writing another person's words or ideas -- either by 1.) copying someone else's ideas without properly quoting, or 2.) having someone else do an assignment. Plagiarism on an assignment will result in receiving an "0" on your assignment.

The Mission College "Academic Honesty" guidelines and subsequent disciplinary sanctions will be followed in this class, as listed on page 18 of the Mission College 2017-2018 Catalog.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT AND ATTENDANCE

Please treat each person in the class with respect and compassion. Also, please follow the Mission College "Student Responsibilities (General)" and "Student Rights and Responsibilities" (see the **Mission College 2017-2018 Catalog**, pages 24).

Attendance is essential to learn and to pass this class. It is each student's responsibility to find out what they missed. If you are absent from class, you should meet with me in my office to go over what you have missed.

Mission College has a specific policy on attendance:

"Students are expected to attend all sessions of each class and participate in class activities and requirements for the course. Instructors may drop students from class if they fail to attend the first class meeting or when the instructor determines that the student is no longer reasonably participating in the activities and requirements of the course. Definition of non-participation shall include but not be limited to excessive absences defined by when accumulated hours of absence exceed ten percent of the total number of hours the class meets during the semester." (**Mission College 2017-2018 Catalog**, p. 19)

However, if you decide to drop the class, then you are responsible for withdrawing yourself from the class. Do not assume I will do it for you.

FINAL EXAM

The final exam for this Reading 054 class is on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from 9:20 am to 10:45 am in the Main Building, Room E3-501.