

HE 1115
CRITICAL READING & THINKING
Fall 2010

Sec. 003 TuTh 10:10-11:00 260 Warren
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The objectives of this course are to enable students to increase critical reading and thinking abilities, to examine and strengthen learning strategies and techniques, and to apply study skills to their courses. To accomplish these objectives, we examine theory and apply a wide range of reading, thinking, and learning skills. Students have the opportunity to focus on increasing reading speed and comprehension in an optional Reading Lab.

Suggested Text: How to Study in College, 10th edition, Walter Pauk
(Suggested readings in Pauk are on reserve in Mann and Uris Libraries.)

Part 1 - Knowing Oneself as Learner

Th Aug. 26	Introduction: Course Overview
Tu Aug. 31	Active Learning Metacognitive Strategies Study Skills Portfolio
Th Sept. 02	Managing Time: Setting Goals Suggested Reading: Pauk Chapter 1
Tu Sept. 07	Managing Time: Semester Calendar Weekly and Daily Calendar Suggested Reading: Pauk Chapter 2
Th Sept. 09	No Class
Tu Sept. 14	Procrastination
Th Sept. 16	Learning Styles - Identifying Strengths Suggested Reading: Pauk Chapter 8
Tu Sept. 21	Learning Styles - cont.
Th Sept. 23	MBTI in the Classroom

Part 2 - Acquiring Knowledge: Observing, Listening, Reading

Tu Sept. 28	Mastering Textbooks: Perceiving and Marking the Essence Multi-Level Comprehending Suggested Reading: Pauk Chapters 5 and 7
Th Sept. 30	Listening and Learning from Lecture
Tu Oct. 05	Notetaking: the Cornell System Suggested Reading: Pauk Chapter 10

Th Oct. 07	Presentation Preparation – Organizing the Project
Tu Oct. 12	Fall Break
Th Oct. 14	Mapping for Comprehension

Part 3 - Communicating Knowledge

Tu Oct. 19	Mapping for Comprehension and Test Preparation
Th Oct. 21	Preparing for Exams: Predicting Questions Suggested Reading: Pauk Chapter 11
Tu Oct. 26	Mid Term Evaluation
Th Oct. 28	Learning from Exams
Tu Nov. 02	Presentation Preparation Topic Due
Th Nov. 04	Memory: Concentration and Organization Suggested Reading: Pauk Chapters 3 and 9
Tu Nov. 09	Managing Stress
Th Nov. 11	Technology Rehearsal
Tu Nov. 16	Project Presentations
Th Nov. 18	Project Presentations
Tu Nov. 23	Project Presentations
Th Nov. 25	Thanksgiving
Tu Nov. 30	Application of Study Skills Portfolio due/ Preparing for Finals
Th Dec. 02	Future Goals and Evaluations

Grading: Letter or S/U

50% Mid Term Evaluation

20% Study Skills Portfolio

20% Presentation

10% Participation in class and completion of assignments

Please note: Each unexcused absence and each assignment not handed in on time will count as one point off of the student's final grade.

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