ESL-READING (ELR)

ELR 096. Intermediate Reading. 3 Credits.
This course is the third course of a four course series for non-native speakers of English. It includes the further development of vocabulary, reading fluency and comprehension with an emphasis on academic vocabulary, expansion of reading skills including skimming, scanning, making inferences, outlining the ideas in writing summaries and an introduction to recognizing patterns of organization. In addition, students will develop skills for previewing, predicting and identifying facts and opinions. Students will learn to use English dictionaries, analyze texts and use conjunctions to create relationships between ideas. Reading comprehension proficiency will be achieved through reading high interest materials, textbooks and resources such as websites and newspapers. A grade of C or better is required to pass this course. Institutional credit only. Courses that earn institutional credit do not apply towards graduation. Prerequisites: High school diploma/GED and ESL placement.

ELR 098. Advanced Reading. 3 Credits.
This course is the final course in the reading series to prepare non-native speakers of English for college-level courses. It includes further acquisition of academic vocabulary using context and textual clues, identifying main ideas and supporting details, skimming for main ideas, scanning for specific information, making inferences, previewing and predicting, reading critically, distinguishing facts from opinions and interpreting graphs and charts. Students will further develop the reading skills to recognize purpose, perspective, mood and tone and write about readings by summarizing, paraphrasing, quoting and responding. A grade of C or better is required to pass this course. Institutional credit only. Courses that earn institutional credit do not apply towards graduation. Prerequisites: ELR 096 or high school diploma/GED and ESL placement.