

# Course Syllabus

## EAP1685 (2197)

### Course Information

<b>Course ID:</b>	EAP1685
<b>Reference Number:</b>	(1987)
<b>Credits:</b>	3
<b>Term:</b>	Summer A 2020
<b>Term Dates:</b>	June-July 2020

### Instructor Information

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<b>Response Policy:</b>	I will usually respond to your course email within 24 hours on weekdays, during regular business hours, when the College is in session. Please do not hesitate to contact me via Course Messages.

### Course Description

REA0007 is a college preparatory reading course which builds vocabulary skills, literal and critical comprehension skills, and successful reading strategies.

## Prerequisites

None.

## Miami Dade College's Learning Outcomes

This course addresses the following MDC learning outcomes:

Learning Outcome #1:	Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing <b>skills</b>
Learning Outcome #6:	Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social <b>responsibilities</b> .
Learning Outcome #8:	Use computer and emerging technologies <b>effectively</b> . (all modules)

## Course Competencies

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

Competency 1:	The student will improve vocabulary skills by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• using context clues, and</li><li>• memorizing word meanings.</li></ul>
Competency 2:	The student will improve literal comprehension skills by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• identifying topics in paragraphs,</li><li>• identifying stated main ideas (topic sentences) in paragraphs,</li><li>• identifying major and minor supporting details,</li><li>• identifying specific information in a paragraph,</li><li>• identifying common relationships within and between sentences, and</li><li>• recognizing primary patterns of organization in paragraphs.</li></ul>
Competency 3:	The student will improve critical comprehension skills by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• identifying unstated (implied) main ideas in paragraphs,</li><li>• identifying logical inferences and conclusions based on information provided in a paragraph,</li></ul>

- distinguishing between facts and opinions,
- identifying an author's primary purpose,
- recognizing an author's attitude (tone), and
- recognizing the point and support of an argument.

## Required Textbook and Materials

## Recommended Materials.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary 2003, ISBN: 9780877798088

## Technology Requirements (Hardware/Software)

Please refer to the [LMS Requirements and Plugin](#) Information at the Virtual College website. Mozilla Firefox is the recommended browser and headsets / microphone are needed for participation in web-conferencing activities through Blackboard Collaborate; webcam is optional. In addition, Microsoft Office applications such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint are standard for Virtual College courses.

Due to the necessity of technology in Virtual College Courses, you must have a backup plan for using an alternative computer with internet access in case of problems with your personal computer. If you live in the South Florida area, you may use the computer courtyards located on MDC campuses. If you have a technology problem that affects your ability to access your online course, please notify your instructor immediately. If you can access other Internet sites but cannot access your online course, you need to contact the Virtual College Help Desk at 305.237.3800 to seek assistance.

If you have no Internet access at all, it is not a Virtual College / online course issue. Please be aware that the Virtual College's Help Desk does not cover problems that you may be experiencing with your computer hardware, installation of software, Internet connection, or other technical problems that may require a technician or intervention from your Internet Service Provider.

## Course Content

**The course is organized as follows:**

Vocabulary Development for Reading and Writing

Main Ideas in Reading

Supporting Details in Reading

Main Ideas and Supporting Details in Writing

Understanding the Writing Process

Relationships in Reading

Relationships in Writing

More Relationships in Reading

More Relationships in Writing

Inferences in Reading the Writing

Longer Selections in Reading and Writing

Reading Selection: A Drunken Ride, a Tragic Aftermath

Reading Selection: Migrant Child to College Woman

Reading Selection: Students in Shock

Tying It All Together

## Course Work Requirements

To successfully complete this course, you need to spend at least an average of **6** hours per week on the

course **in a 16-week semester**, which includes readings, postings, quizzes, exams, etc. Set up a weekly time schedule that allows you enough time to complete the assigned course work by the required due dates. Each time you log in to the course, go to the Calendar to find out what is assigned and when the assignments and tests are due. **All work is due at midnight on the due date.** Plan to check-in and complete assignments **at least three times a week.** Do not procrastinate! Turn your work in early or by the due date.

Discussion Boards:	Most of the discussion boards in this course focus on NBC Learn Activities (you will select a current event and summarize it for your classmates). There are 19 graded discussion boards in this course.
Vocabulary Dropbox Assignments:	For these assignments, you will be asked to be creative with a word and explore its relationship to your life. There are 15 of these assignments in this course.
Reflection Dropbox Assignments: :	In these assignment, you will reflect on your unique learning experience in a lesson or lessons of the course. There are 12 of these assignments in this course.
Chapter Quizzes and Review Quiz:	Chapter Quizzes will over chapter content and the Review Quiz will over all chapter content and help you review for the proctored final exam.  There are 11 Chapter Quizzes and one (1) Review Quiz in this course.
Reading Quizzes:	These Quizzes will cover many of the assigned readings in this course. There are 10 of these quizzes in this course.
Proctored Final Exam:	<p>The <b>proctored</b> Final Exam includes multiple-choice questions covering all of the skills in the course; you will also be asked to summarize an article (this will be similar to the summaries you will have done throughout the course using NBC Learn). The proctored final must be completed within the testing window established by the Virtual College.</p> <p>Please check the course calendar to find the testing dates for the proctored exam required in this course.</p> <p>The proctored final must be completed within the testing window established by the Virtual College. Please check the course calendar to find the testing dates for the proctored exam required in this course.</p> <p>Students currently have three options when taking a proctored assessment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MDC Testing Center(s)</li> <li>2. Remote Proctors and</li> <li>3. Technology Supported Proctoring</li> </ol> <p>Please visit <a href="#">Virtual College Testing Information</a> for <b>very important information</b> about <b>proctored testing</b>.</p>
Late and Make-up Policy:	<b>No credit</b> will be given for work submitted late; you must plan ahead to get your work done by the assigned due dates.

## Miami Dade College Policies

- **Students' Rights and Responsibility Handbook**

This handbook provides you with the basic information you need to know as a student at Miami Dade College. Please review the [Student's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#) to learn about policies addressing code of conduct, grade appeals, religious observations, services for students with special needs, and many other areas. Due to the nature of the online environment, the information below supplements the Handbook for Virtual College students.

- **Academic Dishonesty**

Please carefully review the Academic Dishonesty policies in the [Student's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#).

The Handbook identifies "cheating on an examination" as one of the actions included under academic dishonesty. In this course, you are expected to complete quizzes and exams independently and without access to the course's online content or your own study notes. Having multiple browser windows open, accessing previous quizzes or course readings, and using your course notes while taking a quiz or exam constitute cheating. All your course activity is recorded by the BlackBoard system; activity logs during the times when you are taking quizzes / exams that demonstrate access to other course components constitute evidence of cheating, and may result in a failing grade for the corresponding quiz or exam.

You may have access to content in completed quizzes / exams. Copying, photographing, or any form of duplicating content in any assessment violates the integrity of the assessment. Such actions will be viewed as academic dishonesty and may result in a failing grade for the corresponding quiz or exam.

Plagiarism is another action identified as academic dishonesty in the Handbook. Presenting the work or ideas of someone else as one's own constitutes plagiarism, which is why students are always expected to cite their sources. Through the use of Turnitin, unoriginal work can be easily identified; if not sourced, this constitutes evidence of plagiarism, and may result in a failing grade for the corresponding assignment.

- **Course Withdrawal**

After registering, students may change their schedules during the drop / add period.

The dates for this period are listed on the [Academic Calendar](#) that may be found as a link on the Miami Dade College homepage.

If you decide to drop this course and you desire a full refund, you must do so before the last day to withdraw with a full refund (see College Academic Calendar for date). If you stop logging on to class without officially withdrawing through the Registrar's Office, the instructor may withdraw you for nonattendance. If you continue to log on but do not participate in the class and complete assignments, the instructor may withdraw you for inactivity.

Students who do not actively participate in classes may be dropped. For classes in the Virtual College, students must participate in activities such as discussions, assignments, etc.

Simply entering a course (logging in) does not constitute active participation.

- **Incomplete Grades**

An Incomplete is given only where extenuating circumstances exist, such as documented medical problems or a death in the family, and is issued solely at the discretion of the instructor.

