



Columbia West College

Course Syllabus

University Preparation – Advanced Level I

This Course Syllabus outlines course-specific information. For program-wide information, please refer to the Program Syllabus, which can be accessed at www.columbiawestcollege.edu → Students → Syllabi and Curriculum Guides.

Prerequisite: Placement by assessment or successful completion of Essential English Level 5.

Course Objectives: The Advanced Level of the program builds your confidence in the academic reading, writing, listening, speaking, notetaking and standardized test-taking skills first presented in the Introductory Level by providing opportunities to apply these skills in more sophisticated contexts that mirror the experiences you are likely to encounter in a university classroom. Program objectives are based on critical thinking, reading, writing, listening, speaking, and vocabulary development.

Learning Outcomes: After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify and apply reading, time management, study, notetaking, test-taking, classroom communication, and reasoning techniques;
2. Apply various critical thinking approaches to university-level course material;
3. Distinguish types of writing such as academic writing and social writing;
4. Recognize and develop aspects of proficient academic writing such as fluency and general language use;
5. Produce well-developed and organized academic essays and term papers;
6. Conduct independent research and report findings in an academic writing using correct citations;
7. Listen to lectures and produce clearly organized notes;
8. Identify techniques for taking effective classroom notes;
9. Use effective speaking skills in class discussions and presentations;
10. Identify and use methods for expanding vocabulary and for inferring the meaning of unfamiliar words; and
11. Recognize all sections of standardized English proficiency exams and formulate effective strategies for achieving a high score.

Program Length: University Preparation - Introductory Level is divided into 3 modules, and each module is 4 weeks in length. However, the length of your individual educational program depends on your commitment to the school.

Required Textbooks

Dollahite, Nancy E. and Julie Haun. *Sourcework: Academic Writing From Sources*. Boston: Heinle ELT, 2011. Print.

Dunkel, Patricia and Frank Pialorsi. *Listening & Notetaking Skills 3*. Boston: Cengage Learning, 2014. Print.

LeRoi Gilbert, Tammy. *Express to the TOEFL iBT Test with CD-ROM*. Upper Saddle River: Pearson Education, 2012. Print.

Lim, Phyllis L. *Listening & Notetaking Skills 2*. Boston: Cengage Learning, 2014. Print.

Peterson, Sue and Dorothy Zemach. *Writing Power 4*. Upper Saddle River: Pearson, 2014. Print.

Schmitt, Diane, Norbert Schmitt, and David Mann. *Focus on Vocabulary 2: Bridging Vocabulary*. White Plains: Pearson Education, 2011. Print.



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University Preparation – Academic Vocabulary & University Culture – Advanced Level I

MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	Unit 1 – Our Changing Society Chapters 1 & 2	Unit 1 - Our Changing Society Chapters 3 & 4	Unit 2 – Consumer Behavior & Marketing Chapters 5 & 6	Unit 2 - Consumer Behavior & Marketing Chapters 7 & 8
B	Unit 3 – Workplaces & Work Spaces Chapters 9 & 10	Unit 3 - Workplaces & Work Spaces Chapters 11 & 12	Unit 4 – Use & Abuse of Natural Resources Chapters 13 & 14	Unit 4 – Use & Abuse of Natural Resources Chapters 15 & 16
C	Unit 5 – We Are What We Eat Chapters 17 & 18	Unit 5 - We Are What We Eat Chapters 19 & 20	Unit 6 – Encounters with Music & Sound Chapters 21, 22 & 23	Unit 7 – Animal Nature Chapters 25, 26 & 27

Textbook: Schmitt, Diane, Norbert Schmitt, and David Mann. *Focus on Vocabulary 2: Bridging Vocabulary*. White Plains: Pearson Education, 2011. Print.

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University Preparation – Listening & Notetaking – Advanced Level I

MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	Unit 1 - The Face of the People	Unit 1 - The Face of the People	Unit 2 – The American Character	Unit 2 – The American Character
B	Unit 3 - American Trademarks	Unit 3 - American Trademarks	Unit 4 - Education	Unit 4 - Education
C	Unit 5 - The Official Side	Unit 5 - The Official Side	Units 1-5 Review	Units 1-5 Review

Main Text: Lim, Phyllis L., and William Smalzer. *Listening & Notetaking Skills: Level 2*. 4th ed. Boston: Cengage Learning, 2013. Print.

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University Preparation – Academic Writing – Advanced Level I

MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	Part I: Writing Fluency Introduction & Unit 1	Part I: Writing Fluency Units 2-3	Part II: Language Use Introduction, Units 1-2	Part II: Language Use Units 3-5
B	Part III: Academic Writing Introduction & Units 1-2	Part III: Academic Writing Units 3-4	Part III: Academic Writing Units 5-7	Part III: Academic Writing Units 8-9
C	Part IV: Social & Professional Writing Introduction & Unit 1	Part IV: Social & Professional Writing Unit 2	Part IV: Social & Professional Writing Units 3-4	Part IV: Social & Professional Writing Unit 5

Main Text: Peterson, Sue, and Dorothy E. Zemach. *Writing Power 4*. White Plains: Pearson Education, 2013. Print.

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