



Columbia West College

Course Syllabus

Level 5 Reading & Writing

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 Level 4.

Course Objectives: The goal of this course is for you to gain confidence in your ability to 1) understand a wide range of complex texts on both concrete and abstract 2) write with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular correspondence with native speakers quite possible and 3) produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

Learning Outcomes: After you finish this course, you will be able to:

1. Predict content and perspectives;
2. Distinguish main ideas, beliefs, and details;
3. Draw conclusions about information not explicitly in the reading;
4. Organize and synthesize information about multiple texts using a variety of methods;
5. Write essays in a variety of styles;
6. Write other types of “intermediate” prose, such as dialogues, interviews, and essay responses and;
7. Structure your writing with outlines, thesis statements, and introduction paragraphs.

Program Length: ESL Level 5 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:

Cohen, Robert F. and Judy L. Miller. *NorthStar Reading and Writing, Level 5*. 4th ed. White Plains: Pearson Education, 2014. Print.



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MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	Unit 1 Neuroscience and Empathy	Unit 1 Neuroscience and Empathy	Unit 2 Lies and Truth	Unit 2 Lies and Truth
B	Unit 3 The Road to Success	Unit 4 What is Lost in Translation?	Unit 5 Size Matters in Business	Unit 5 Size Matters in Business
C	Unit 6 Staying Connected	Unit 7 The Cellist of Sarajevo	Unit 8 The End of Poverty	Unit 8 The End of Poverty

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