



# Columbia West College

## Course Syllabus

### **Slang & Idioms – Advanced**

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](http://www.columbiawestcollege.edu) → Students → Syllabi and Curriculum Guides.

**Prerequisite:** Placement by assessment or successful completion of Intermediate ESL Conversation.

**Course Objectives:** The primary aim of this course is for students to gain confidence in their ability to listen to and speak English accurately and fluently by addressing and meeting the learning outcomes listed below. Course objectives are based on critical thinking, listening, speaking, vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation, and include inferring meaning, making predictions, expressing opinions and wishes, comparing and contrasting viewpoints, vocabulary development, pronunciation, and using advanced grammatical structures and verb tenses.

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

1. Anticipate and recognize idioms within a natural context, interpret advertisements;
2. Infer meaning of idioms from context and advertisements,
3. Recognize and discuss portrayals of American culture;
4. Identify and discuss examples of irony;
5. Expand vocabulary by identifying words with more than one meaning;
6. Identify literal and figurative meanings of words and phrases;
7. Use idioms in speeches, group discussions, debates and role-plays;
8. Create your own ads using idioms.

**Program Length:** The Advanced level is made up of Levels 5, 6 and 7. Each section is twenty-four (24) weeks in length. Therefore, you may remain in one section for 24 weeks without repeating class material. After the successful completion of your first 12-week period, you will receive acknowledgment of completion for the level at which you entered the program. However, the length of your individual educational program depends on your commitment to the school.

#### **Required Textbooks:**

Hargraves, Orin and Anthony Jenkins. *Slang Rules! A Practical Guide for English Learners*.  
Springfield: Merriam-Webster, Inc. 2008. Print.

#### **Supplemental Resources:**

Various selected authentic language materials.



## Curriculum Guide

### Slang & Idioms – Advanced – Winter/Summer

MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	Introduction Pronunciation Symbols Units A-D	Units 1-2 Who You Talkin' To? Chow Time	Units 3-4 Hot or Cool? Too Cool For School	Units 5-6 Know Your Critters How Much Ya Talkin' About?
B	Units 7-8 Words Fail Me Ka-ching!	Units 9-10 Low on Dough? Check This Out	Units 11-12 If Ya Can't Beat 'em, Join 'em Sack Time	Units 13-14 You Should Been There! All Tooled Up
C	Units 15-17 Ain't No Point A Clip Joint Yer Yankin' My Chain	Units 18-20 Got Wheels? Howdja Do? When Ya Gotta Go	Units 21-23 Nail That Sucker! The Grim Reaper Scope This	Units 24-26 Uh Great Bod! By The Numbers

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MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	Units 27-29 <b>What the Heck is That? To a T A Lowlife Gets Nabbed</b>	Units 30-32 <b>Get Yer Stuff ‘n’ Go Knowledge of College Whaddaya Think?</b>	Units 33-35 <b>Friggin’ Intense Alien Objects Approaching What’s The Buzz</b>	Units 36-38 <b>Cheap Substitutes Is It Love? If the Shoe Fits</b>
B	Units 39-41 <b>A Setup Job It Feels Nice to Say It Twice Don’t Try This At Home</b>	Units 42-44 <b>Time for Some Answers Win Some, Lose Some What Kinda Place Is This?</b>	Units 45-47 <b>Gimme Some Skin High Life Like I Care</b>	Units 48-50 <b>In Deep Do-Do Tough Nuts To Crack See Ya</b>
C	Units 51-53 <b>Word for Word How Some Folks Talk They’re Playin’ Yer Song</b>	Units 54-56 <b>Blog Style Trippin’ Vibin’</b>	Units 57-59 <b>Bitchin’ It’s a Love Thing Down in Flames</b>	Units 60-62 <b>You Decide Cut To the Chase TXT U L8R</b>

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