



# Columbia West College

Course Syllabus

## Level 6 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](http://www.columbiawestcollege.edu)  
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**Prerequisite:** Placement by assessment or successful completion of Level 5.

**Course Objectives:** The primary aim of this course is for you to understand with ease virtually everything read, be able to summarize information from different sources, reconstruct arguments, differentiate finer shades of meaning in even complex situations and express yourself spontaneously, fluently and precisely in English by addressing and meeting the learning outcomes listed below..

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

1. participate in prepared group discussions on a broad range of both personal and controversial themes and issues; investigate the many different sides of an issue;
2. read a variety of articles responding to current issues and events; engage in pre-reading, reading and post-reading strategies; analyze the truth and accuracy of articles; examine the relationships between writers and their audiences and the various strategies employed in those relationships;
3. write a variety of essays; formulate well-developed arguments; present evidence in support of an opinion; employ accurate grammar, language and mechanics.

**Program Length:** ESL Level 6 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:

Atwan, Robert. *America Now: Short Readings from Recent Periodicals*. 12th ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2017. Print.



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MODULE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
A	Unit 1 <b>Language: Do Words Matter?</b>	Unit 2 <b>Free Speech: Is It Endangered on Campus?</b>	Unit 3 <b>U.S. History: How Do We Remember Our Past?</b>	Unit 4 <b>A College Education: How Valuable Is It?</b>
B	Unit 5 <b>Race: Does It Still Matter?</b>	Unit 6 <b>Diversity and Identity: How Well Is American Immigration Working?</b>	Unit 7 <b>Guns: Can the Second Amendment Survive?</b>	Unit 8 <b>Prisons, Police, Punishment: Is Our Criminal Justice System Broken?</b>
C	Unit 9 <b>Our Battered Economy: Is the American Dream Over?</b>	Unit 10 <b>Marriage: What Does It Mean Today?</b>	Unit 11 <b>Gender: What Are the Issues Today?</b>	Unit 12 <b>The Climate Crisis: Have We Reached the Point of No Return?</b>

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