English – Reading Core Classes

**ENGRD 14 Reading Skills 3 Units**
Prerequisite: Placement through the assessment process.
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course covers the foundations of reading skills, such as vocabulary development and basic reading comprehension.

**ENGRD 15 Basic Reading Skills 3 Units**
Prerequisite: ENGRD 14 with a “C” or better, or 1.5 units of ENGRD 54 with a “P” AND ENGRD 55 with a “P,” or placement through the assessment process.
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course provides instruction in techniques for improving basic skills in reading. It involves intensive work with word attack, literal comprehension, vocabulary and study skills, including practice with multicultural reading materials and strategies. Individual work in ENGRD 50, Reading Center: Individualized Support Skills for ENGRD 15, may be required by instructor. This course is not open to students who have completed ENGRD 56 or ENGWR 56 with a grade of “C” or better

**ENGRD 116 Proficient Reading 3 Units**
Prerequisite: ENGRD 15, ENGRD 56, or ENGWR 56 with a grade of “C” or better; or placement through the assessment process.
Advisory: Concurrent enrollment in ENGWR 102 or 103.
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course analyzes expository and argumentative essays, textbooks, and literature in preparation for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312. It emphasizes recognition of an author’s thesis, supporting details, point of view, purpose, and tone through an in-depth analysis of an essay’s introduction, body, and conclusion. This course also focuses on applying study strategies for comprehending and retaining information from textbooks in preparation for tests. Individual work in the Writing Across the Curriculum Program, the Reading Across the Disciplines Program, or the Reading Center may be required.

**ENGRD 310 Critical Reading as Critical Thinking 3 Units**
Prerequisite: ENGRD 116 with a grade of “C” or better; or placement through the assessment process.
Corequisite: ENGRD 314
Advisory: Concurrent enrollment in ENGWR 300.
General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A3
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course covers the theory and practice of critical and speed reading skills needed for successful academic performance with an emphasis on the following: (1) critical and analytical evaluation of college-level expository and argumentative essays, (2) development of flexible reading rate and speed, (3) critical analysis and evaluation of independent research, (4) vocabulary development, and (5) application of these skills to multicultural essays, journals, fiction, and nonfiction reading.

**ENGRD 312 Academic Textbook Reading 3 Units**
Prerequisite: ENGRD 116 with a grade of “C” or better; or placement through the assessment process.
Corequisite: ENGRD 314
Advisory: Concurrent enrollment in ENGWR 300
General Education: AA/AS Area II(b)
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course concentrates on the refinement of the ability to read, understand, and respond to transfer-level textbooks across the curriculum. Emphasis is on critical and analytical reading, thinking and writing; graphics and other visual materials; discipline-based vocabulary; and reading rates as they relate to academic success.

For further information, see the 2014-2015 American River College Catalog, pages 204-205