

# FRESHMAN ENGLISH

**Spring 2009**

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**Thursday 8:10a.m.-10:00 a.m. at L306 (2 credit hrs.)**

**Office Hour: By appointment at FL203**

## **Course Objectives**

1. This course will help students improve their overall reading fluency through in-class extensive reading.
2. Students will be able to actively practice and apply top-down reading strategies (e.g. guessing intelligently, activating background knowledge, scanning and skimming for main ideas) to facilitate their reading comprehension.

## **Textbook**

R. D. Richard, & K. Harsch (2008). *Cover to Cover: Reading Comprehension and Fluency 2*. New York: Oxford University Press.

## **Syllabus**

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Discussion topics</b></i>
02/19	Course orientation
02/26	Unit 7, Part 1: What Is Intelligence?
03/05	Extensive Reading: The Jungle Book
03/12	Unit 8, Part 1: Stereotypes
03/19	Extensive Reading: Robinson Crusoe
03/26	Unit 9, Part 1: Falling Out
04/02	<i>Spring Break (No Class!)</i>
04/09	Extensive Reading: Anne of Green Gables
04/16	Review
04/23	<i>Mid-term exam (Date &amp; time TBA!)</i>
04/30	Unit 10, Part 1: The Wisdom of the World
05/07	Extensive Reading: New Yorkers-Short Stories
05/14	Unit 11, Part 1: Creating Your Own Luck

- 05/21 Unit 12, Part 1: A Worldwide Phenomenon  
05/28 *Dragon Boat Festival (No Class!)*  
06/04 Extensive Reading: Dracula  
06/11 Review  
06/18 *Final exam (Date & time TBA!)*

Have a great summer!

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**\*syllabus subject to change**

### **Evaluation**

- Attendance/Participation: 30%
- T.A.: 20%
- Exams
  - i. Mid-term: 25%
  - ii. Final exam: 25%

**Note: This class will be conducted in English.**