

# SYLLABUS

## Reading/Vocabulary

MTWTh 2:30 – 3:35 in CC 3349

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**Book:** What A World Reading 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

By Milada Broukal

### **About the Course:**

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This course will help you improve your reading and vocabulary. You will read different kinds of texts and learn how to recognize and understand important aspects of reading such as main ideas, topics, vocabulary, and grammar. Together, we will learn many new vocabulary words and you will improve your reading skills, as you will read texts in English every week. Your active participation in class and effort on homework assignments will be necessary if you want to pass the class.

**Course Objectives** After successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

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- Answer comprehension questions about various texts;
- Identify main ideas in texts;
- Write summaries of texts;
- Borrow and use materials from the library;
- Develop vocabulary, including pronunciation and spelling;
- Observe new words in texts and guess the meaning of unknown words from context;
- Use a dictionary;
- Read more fluently in English.

### **Study skills for success:**

1. Use basic classroom skills, such as copying from the board;
2. Follow simple written and oral directions;
3. Use basic study and group-work skills, respecting your classmates and the teacher;
4. Ask questions;
5. Manage time (studying, attending class and arriving on time);
6. Organize study materials.

### **Required Text & Materials**

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**What a World, 1: Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.** *by Milada Broukal*

- a folder or binder to organize handouts
- regular notebook for notes and assignments
- pen/pencil

## Course Requirements

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Participation – It is very important for you to be prepared and active during each class. If you don't actively participate or you don't do your homework assignments outside of class, you will not pass.

No make-up tests – If you miss a test, your score on that test will be zero. However, at the end of the quarter I will delete your lowest test grade.

Homework – You will have homework every day. If you don't do it, your grade will suffer and it will be very difficult for you to pass this class. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what the homework is from a classmate. Homework is due even if you were absent the day before.

No cell phones in class – Electronic Dictionaries are ok for studying- **THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING QUIZZES OR EXAMS!**

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** This class meets five hours four times per week. If you are **absent 8 times**, or 1/10 of the class, **you will fail and have to repeat the class.**

**PLAGIARISM POLICY:** Plagiarism is copying someone else's work (a classmate or from the Internet) and telling me it is your own. This is a serious offense! You will receive a 0 on that assignment. ***It is NOT tolerated in U.S. academic culture.***

**Grading:** To pass this class, you must get at least 75%. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Please be aware that in order to move up a level, you must pass all your classes *and* the final exams with at least a 75%.

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**Remember:** you must also pass your Grammar/Writing class in order to move up to Level 3.

**No class on:**

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Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Holiday

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**Last day of *this* class is Thursday December 1, 2011. Closing Ceremony is Friday, December 2!**

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Welcome to class – work hard and have fun!!