Instructor Information

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Course Information

READ0300 01S Foundations of Literacy MW  8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.    AHEC124
READ0300 03S Foundations of Literacy MW  9:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.    AHEC124
READ0300 05S Foundations of Literacy MW 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.    AHEC124
READ0300 08S Foundations of Literacy TR  9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.    AHEC124
READ0300 10S Foundations of Literacy TR 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.    AHEC124

Catalog Description

This course develops college-level literacy. It is designed to prepare students for academic reading across college disciplines. (3 credit hours)

Final grade will be an A, B, C, or NC (no credit).

This course does not apply toward degree requirements and is not included in the cumulative grade-point average.
Prerequisite: Students enrolled in READ 0300 must meet the following requirement:

- a COMPASS Reading Placement Test score between 62-71;
- a score between 55-66 on the reading section of the Accuplacer; or
- a score between 13-18 on the reading section of the ACT.

Course Materials


MyReadingLab Plus Access Code included with Bridging The Gap

Must Use Chrome Browser with MRL Plus (Pearson Help Desk – 1-888-433-8435)

Mission Statement

University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College provides access to high-quality education that promotes student learning and enables individuals to develop to their fullest potential.

Institutional Learning Outcomes and General Education

UA-PTC supports a college-wide institutional learning assessment program which concerns effective instructional methods and promotes student learning achievement by assessing:

1. Communication
2. Critical Thinking
3. Cultural Awareness
4. Information Literacy
5. Professionalism
6. Quantitative Literacy
7. Technology Literacy

For more information, please consult the following website: https://uaptc.edu/sla

Department / Program Learning Outcomes

The Education and Reading Department, consistent with the College’s mission and the Division’s objectives, encourages the success of its students in all technical fields and academic disciplines by promoting the following:
1. Identify word meanings based upon context clues.
2. Identify main idea, central point, implied main idea and supporting details in academic passages.
3. Read critically to make inferences from the reading selection.
4. Identify patterns of organization and relationships in academic readings.
5. Read critically to identify purpose, tone, fact, and opinion.

**Student Learning / Course Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Analyze context clues to determine the meaning of words and phrases.
2. Identify the stated and implied main idea and central point as well as supporting details in a passage.
3. Make inferences based upon information in reading passages.
4. Recognize the structure and organization of paragraphs in informational and literary text.
5. Recognize facts, opinions, purpose and tone in reading passages.

**Policies**

**Report a Complaint or Concern**

UA-PTC takes very seriously complaints and concerns regarding the institution. Most complaints or concerns of a specific nature should be initiated and resolved at the campus level through normal college processes whenever possible. UA - Pulaski Technical College receives and resolves complaints using a variety of methods. To report a complaint or concern, please follow the link below.

https://www.uaptc.edu/report-a-concern-complaint

**UA-PTC Attendance Policy**

Education at UA-PTC requires students’ active involvement in the learning process. Thus, students are expected to attend all classes and actively engage in all learning assignments and/or opportunities provided in their classes. Class attendance should be treated as mandatory by all students as attendance will be taken by all instructors during the first two weeks of class. Additionally, a written policy on student attendance that is tied to course objectives and included in a course syllabus will be provided for each course by instructors.
The Education and Reading Departmental Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all classes and actively engage in learning activities, discussions, and opportunities provided in this class. **There are no excused absences.** Agencies granting financial assistance may be notified of the violation of the attendance policy by students receiving financial aid.

**Students missing six scheduled meetings will have their grade dropped one letter grade.**

Attendance will be taken at each class session. Students are expected to arrive on time and stay for the entire period.

Course Policies

The UA-PTC Catalog rules and regulations will be enforced in this course at all times. Please consult the following website for more information: [https://www.uaptc.edu/catalog](https://www.uaptc.edu/catalog)

Professional behavior is required. Punctual attendance and intelligent participation are expected. Particulars as determined by the instructor are detailed in the paragraph below.

In Foundations of Literacy, the Student Handbook rules and regulations will be enforced at all times to ensure a respectful learning climate for you and your classmates. Please discuss any concerns with your instructor first. Appropriate language during discussions, as well as in email messages, or phone conversations is required. No disrespect to the instructor or other students will be tolerated.

Absences: There are NO EXCUSED ABSENCES.

Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices: Talking or texting during class is disrespectful and interferes with learning. **Please silence cell phones and put them away before class begins. Computers, tablets, iPads, iPods, earbuds, etc. are not allowed to be out during class.** The only exception is when the class is searching for information via cell phones or other electronic devices for a class activity.

Classwork and Exams: There will be no make-up work on class assignments and/or exams; however, please note that the lowest classwork/homework and exam grade will be dropped. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to email the instructor.

Children: Children are not allowed in the classroom and cannot be left unsupervised on campus.

e-Cigs and Smokeless Tobacco: All forms of tobacco are banned from all UA-PTC campuses.

Classroom Behaviors: Once the class has begun, personal conversations should cease. Meals cannot be eaten during class; however, students may have snacks (drinks, chips, crackers, etc.)
Students should be prepared with writing materials and the appropriate books. This class requires active participation and involvement in the learning process.

Lab Policies: All classroom policies apply to the lab. In addition, while in the lab, students are required to work only on the material assigned. Visiting websites other than directed to by the instructor is prohibited and will result in an absence. Also, no food or drinks will be allowed in the lab.

Communications: Pulaski Technical College provides email for all students. Students must activate and use their PTC email accounts. PTC faculty will not respond to or communicate with students through outside email accounts due to student confidentiality issues.

Reading Assignments: Since this class is reading intensive, you will have numerous reading assignments to complete during class and outside of class. Students are required to work without assistance if an individual grade will be recorded. If students are working in a group activity, students are expected to work collaboratively with other students.

Grading Policy

Letter grades will be based on the following scale:

- 90 to 100% A
- 80 to 89% B
- 70 to 79% C
- 0 to 69% NC

Evaluation: The overall course grade will be based upon reading assignments, chapter exams, MyReadingLab modules, the MRL post-assessment, and the final exam.

Reading Assignments and Exams: During the semester, a minimum of eight reading assignments will be required. In addition, twelve MRL modules are required to reinforce the major reading concepts. Students will complete and master these modules in the lab during assigned class time as well as outside of class. **Students are expected to complete all assignments from the textbook and MyReadingLab.**

Exams, MRL Post-Assessment, and Final Exam: There will be a minimum of five exams assessing the major concepts. At the end of the semester, students will complete the MyReadingLab post-assessment and the final exam.
Grading Distribution: The grading breakdown is as follows:

- Reading Assignments 30%
- Exams 30%
- MyReadingLab Modules 20%
- MyReadingLab Post Assessment 10%
- Final Exam 10%

**Total 100%**

Grades will be maintained in an online gradebook in Blackboard. You can monitor your grade in this class throughout the semester.

* Instructors have one week to provide feedback and post grades for all assignments unless otherwise noted by a departmental policy that has been approved by the Dean of the School.

In an online class, eligibility for Financial Aid is based on student participation. Logging into the course does not constitute participation. For purposes of roster certification, students must complete a gradable attendance artifact.

**Academic Integrity**

It is expected that all students who attend UA-PTC conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the college experience. Academic integrity is a vital component of collegiate behavior. The UA-PTC catalog states, “The gaining of knowledge and the practice of honesty go hand-in-hand.”

The catalog also states, “The responsibility and authority of initiating discipline arising from violations of the rules against dishonesty during the process of the course are vested in the instructor of that course.”

The complete Academic Integrity Policy is in the UA-PTC code of conduct.

**Accommodation Policy**

Services for Students with Disabilities: UA-PTC is committed to fulfilling all federal requirements as stated in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the American with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Accommodations are available to students who have documented disabilities. Students who request accommodations must register with the Disability Services Office (Main Campus: 501-812-2738 or South Campus: 501-812-2862) and must provide current and relevant documentation.
Students requesting accommodations should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course or as soon as accommodations are approved. It is the student's responsibility to provide their Accommodation Letter to the instructor. Accommodations are not retroactive and will only be provided once your instructor receives the Accommodation Letter.

**Student Code of Conduct**

All students are expected to abide by the UA-PTC Student Code of Conduct. For the full Student Code of Conduct, access the most current version of the UA-PTC Academic Catalog. [http://uaptc.azurewebsites.net/docs/default-source/course-catalog/2018-19-academic-catalog.pdf?sfvrsn=998b87d7_2”](http://uaptc.azurewebsites.net/docs/default-source/course-catalog/2018-19-academic-catalog.pdf?sfvrsn=998b87d7_2”)

**Student Conduct**

No person at Pulaski Technical College will, on the basis of gender, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct under any education program or activity. All college administrative policies and procedures regarding sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct are in compliance with Title IX. Students who feel they are victims of sexual misconduct should contact the UA-PTC Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students:

Michelle Anderson, Director of Student Life and Leadership  Campus Center Building Room 216  501-812-2756  manderson@uaptc.edu

**Course Evaluations**

Students may be asked to evaluate their instructor and course near the end of the semester. These student evaluations are very important to the improvement in the quality of instruction and course materials. All results are anonymous and shared with the faculty only after the semester is over and grades have been posted.

**Information Literacy**

UA-PTC is committed to the Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education as established by the Association of College and Research Libraries and endorsed by the National Forum on Information Literacy. Therefore, all courses will incorporate an information literacy component so that, by graduation, all students will be able to recognize the need for information, then locate, evaluate, synthesize, and communicate information in an ethical manner. Information literacy encompasses critical thinking, research, media, technology, health, business, and visual literacy skills to produce lifelong learners who can make informed decisions in the workplace and in their personal lives.
## Course Schedule

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<td>Chapter 4 Vocabulary Pgs. 175-212</td>
<td>Pathbuilder Vocabulary</td>
<td>1 Analyze context clues</td>
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<td>Aug. 21st-Last day to change schedule</td>
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<td>Chapter 4 Vocabulary Pgs.175-212, continued</td>
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<td>Chapter 4 Vocabulary Test Chapter 5 Main Idea &amp; Supporting Details pgs. 213-286</td>
<td>State Main Idea</td>
<td>2 Identify the stated and implied main idea, central point and supporting details</td>
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<td>Chapter 5 Main Idea &amp; Supporting Details Pgs. 213-286, Chapter 5 Main Idea &amp; Supporting Details Test</td>
<td>Implied Main Idea</td>
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<td>4 Recognize the structure and organization of paragraphs</td>
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<td>Chapter 6 Patterns of Organization Pgs. 287-340, Chapter 6 Test</td>
<td>Patterns of Organization-Comparison &amp; Contrast, Cause &amp; Effect</td>
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<td>Critical Thinking</td>
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### Course Syllabus

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*Fall Break, November 19-23*  
*Happy Thanksgiving*

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Nov. 26-30

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Disclaimer: This schedule is a guide for the semester. The instructor reserves the right to amend the schedule as necessary.
Course Agreement Form

Read, complete, and return to instructor:

I have read the course syllabus for Pat Pierce’s Foundations of Literacy class at Pulaski Technical College, and I understand its content. I also understand the rules for the class, and I will follow and abide by these rules, including those relating to attendance, assignments, grading criteria, plagiarism, and behavior.

Semester

Date

Print name

Signature

UA-UA-PTC Email address

Telephone