Midland College
Syllabus
ESL 0371
Reading and Vocabulary
Semester Year
SCH (3-1)
Instructor Name

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to develop basic reading comprehension, vocabulary, and study skills for non-native speakers of English in order to prepare students to be more effective learners in the English language. The class will be introduced to literature through fiction and non-fiction, drama, and short stories. Lab assignments will be individualized. Pronunciation, vocabulary development, and reading text will be strongly emphasized. Lab assignments will be individualized. At the end of the semester, students may challenge the Midland College developmental reading/writing exam or take the TSI. If the student does not pass, he will be placed in the next higher level of ESL or an introductory IRWD class.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students successfully completing this course will be able to:

1. Understand author's tone and purpose.
2. Understand differences between author's writings.
3. Grasp diction skills.
4. Understand differences between vocabulary and written content.
5. Understand the cultural aspects of language and their influences on American society.
6. Determine main idea and summarize selections.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS

None required.

POLICIES

Student Expectations—Students are responsible for regular and prompt attendance. Students are responsible for completing in-class and homework assignments.

Attendance—Three or more unexcused absences may result in a drop of a letter grade for the course. It is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor of an absence prior to the missed class. In the event that the student cannot notify the instructor of an absence prior to the missed class, the student should make all efforts to notify the instructor as soon as is reasonably possible to avoid any grade deductions.

LAB

Work in the lab is to be arranged with the instructor.

EVALUATION OF STUDENTS

Attendance: 25%
Participation: 50%
Assignments: 25%

INSTITUTIONAL ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

ADA Statement-- The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be denied access to, or the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by any program or activity provided by an institution or entity receiving federal financial assistance. It is this Section 504 mandate that has promoted the development of disability support service programs in colleges and universities across the country. Subpart E of Section 504 deals specifically with this mandate for institutions of higher education. While it does not require that special educational programming be developed for students with disabilities, it does require that an institution (public or private) be prepared to make appropriate academic adjustments and reasonable accommodations in order to allow the full participation of students with disabilities in the same programs and activities available to nondisabled students.
Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/Disability Specialist. Students with disabilities should notify Midland College prior to the beginning of each semester. Student Services will provide each student with a letter outlining any reasonable accommodations. The student must present the letter to the instructor at the beginning of the semester.

Phone, Midland College Special Needs Counselor: 432-685-5598

DROP / WITHDRAWAL

The student is responsible for initiating a drop or withdrawal, not the instructor.

Withdrawal from course: The instructor is not able to withdraw a student from the course after the census date. A student wishing to withdraw must fill out the **withdrawal form in MyMCPortal**.

2025-2026 WITHDRAWAL DATES

Fall	November 13
Fall First 8-Week Session	October 2
Fall Second 8-Week Session	December 2
December Mini-Semester	December 29
Spring	April 9
Spring First 8-Week Session	February 19
Spring Second 8-Week Session	April 23
May Mini-Semester	May 21
Summer I	July 2
Summer II	August 6

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

For Research information, tutorials, library information, web links and more, access the **Distance Learning Webpage for the Midland College Fasken Learning Resource Center.**

Academic Database Access

1. Go to **Midland College Fasken Learning Resource Center.**
2. Click “Academic OneFile.”
3. You will be taken to “GALE ACADEMIC ONEFILE."

TECHNICAL SUPPORT for Canvas problems

1. Navigate to the page in Canvas where the problem exists
2. Click the Help icon in the dark green toolbar on the left

3. Select “Report a Problem”, complete the short form and Submit
4. Check your MC student email account for responses to your ticket.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement:

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must visit https://www.midland.edu/services-resources/accommodation-services.php and complete the “Application for Accommodation Services” located under the Application Process tab. Services or accommodations are not automatic, each student must apply each semester and be approved to receive them. Supporting documentation must be submitted from a qualified professional and be within the last five years. All documents will be reviewed and a “Notice of Accommodations” letter will be sent to instructors outlining any reasonable accommodations. For more information or questions, please contact Bradley Gwatney at bgwatney@midland.edu or 432-685-6422.

Phone, Director Residence Life and Accommodations: 432-685-6467

Midland College Disability Services

Microsoft Accessibility

Canvas Accessibility

Turnitin Accessibility

Adobe Reader Accessibility

Google Reader Accessibility

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Academics and Student Services

Phone, Midland College Testing Center: 432-685-4504

Phone, Writing Center, Midland College On-Campus Writing Center: 432-685-4811, Second Floor, Fasken Learning Resource Center

Language Hub Online (available to all students in Canvas)

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUE PROCESS

Midland College Student Rights and Responsibilities

PRIVACY POLICIES

The below privacy policies apply to this course, as they are applicable to your conduct on this online platform.

Midland College Website Privacy Policy

Canvas Privacy Policy
YouTube Privacy Policy
Canvas Student Guide
Turnitin Privacy Policy

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name:	
Email:	
Office Location:	
Office Phone:	
Office Hours:	
Department Chair:	Dr. Christopher Brown
Division Dean, Fine Arts and Communications:	Dr. William Feeler
Secretary:	Ms. Lula Lee
Division Office:	135 AFA
Phone:	432-685-4624
Division Office hours:	8-5, Monday-Friday

Non-Discrimination Statement

Midland College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following individual has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Nicole Cooper, Title IX Coordinator

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432-685-4781

TitleIX@midland.edu

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the ED.gov Office of Civil Rights website, or call 1 (800) 421-3481.

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