

**Common Course Outline**  
**RDNG051**  
**Basic Reading**  
**5 Semester hours**

**The Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

RDNG051 – 4 credits  
Basic Reading

Basic Reading provides instruction in fundamental vocabulary and comprehension skills such as word attack, inferential reasoning and basic reading techniques. Sessions in a reading lab provide extensive practice of skills.

Prerequisite: Eligibility to enroll in RDNG051 is based on reading placement test scores.

Corequisite: SDEV101 or 102

**Overall Course Objectives**

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

1. Use dictionary skills for pronunciation, etymology, word meaning.
2. Apply word attack skills to decode and pronounce new vocabulary.
3. Demonstrate a working knowledge of common prefixes, suffixes, and roots.
4. Use context clues to identify word meaning (definition, contrast, example, and experience clues).
5. Identify topic, main idea, and supporting details.
6. Identify transitions and basic patterns of organization.
7. Draw valid conclusions.
8. Distinguish fact from opinion.
9. Interpret graphic material – charts, tables and maps.
10. Using a computer program, locate information, answer questions, and understand ideas.

**Major Topics**

1. Vocabulary Development
2. Comprehension skills
3. Computer Based Reinforcement

## **Course Requirements**

Specific assignments and procedures for evaluating student performance will be described in the individual class syllabus.

To successfully complete the course, a student must have, as a minimum, an overall average of 70% in the following activities:

1. Assigned class and homework activities
2. Vocabulary Tests
3. Comprehension Exams
4. Lab Assignments
5. Final Exam – The student must show competence on a comprehensive final exam.

## **Other Course Information**

RDNG051, Basic Reading, meets for 5 hours per week. Three hours are spent in a classroom setting and two hours are in a reading laboratory.