

# Common Course Outline

**RDNG 052**

**College Reading**

**4 Contact hours**

## The Community College of Baltimore County

### Description

**RDNG 052 - College Reading** is designed to develop the skills for understanding and analyzing college-level reading materials. Instruction will be provided in the following areas: improving vocabulary acquisition skills, increasing literal comprehension skills, and developing critical reading skills. Sessions in a reading laboratory provide extensive practice of reading skills.

**3.5 billable hours, 0 credits**

Prerequisite: Eligibility to enroll in RDNG 052 is based on successful completion of RDNG 051 or reading placement test scores. Reading placement should be LVR1.

Corequisite: SDEV 101

### Overall Course Objectives

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

1. acquire and use college-level vocabulary in reading and writing;
2. employ a systematic method for effective textbook reading;
3. identify the thesis and main ideas, both stated and implied;
4. identify supporting details and the methods used to organize them;
5. distinguish fact from opinion and draw valid inferences;
6. identify an author's purpose, tone, and bias;
7. evaluate an author's argument and evidence; and,
8. employ strategies for organizing information into a variety of practical formats.

### Major Topics

- I. Vocabulary Development
- II. College-level Reading Strategies
- III. Literal and Inferential Comprehension Skills
- IV. Critical Reading Skills

## **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 (minimum 12 assignments, such as answering questions on assigned readings; vocabulary exercises.)
2. Vocabulary and comprehension exams (minimum 3 exams)
3. Lab assignments, such as completing on-line reading assignments or using computer technology for completion of assigned tasks (minimum 8 assignments/tasks)
4. Department-approved final exam.

## **Other Course Information**

RDNG 052, College Reading, meets for four hours per week. Three hours are spent in a classroom setting and 1 hour in a reading laboratory.