

Common Course Outline
RDNG 102
Vocabulary Development
2 Credits

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

RDNG 102 - 2 credits - Vocabulary Development is an independent study that helps students improve their vocabulary skills utilizing a college vocabulary textbook. Students will determine word meanings from the vocabulary of many different content areas with a focus on literary and academic terms.

2 credits; 2 lecture hours per week

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. use a dictionary to understand pronunciation, etymology, and correct word meaning;
2. use the definitions of Latin and Greek prefixes, suffixes and roots to analyze new words;
3. apply context clues to determine the definitions of unknown words;
4. recognize and understand figurative language;
5. distinguish between commonly confused words such as homonyms and homographs;
6. develop an expanded knowledge of specialized terms from a variety of academic disciplines; and
7. recognize by sight and by sound the vowel and consonant patterns of English.

Major Topics

- I. Dictionary Skills
- II. Latin and Greek Derivatives
- III. Context Clues
- IV. Commonly-Confused Words
- V. Terminology from Academic Disciplines

Course Requirements

1. Independent completion of work and exercises for all 22 chapters and successful completion of vocabulary mastery tests
2. Mastery tests will be graded as a percentage of words correct.
3. An average of the 22 tests will determine the final grade for the course.
4. A final grade of 70% is required to pass the course.