

# Course Expectations Letter

**Subject:** Reading 23

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**Catalog Course Description:**

This is a course designed for students who need/want to improve their reading competencies in order to succeed in other college classes. Areas of emphasis will include reading strategies essential in the following academic areas: social sciences, sciences and technology, and humanities. The course also introduces some of the vocabulary associated with each academic area. This is a non-degree credit course and is offered on a PASS (P)/ NO PASS (NP) basis.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- When reading textbooks and additional course materials, students will be able to implement appropriate reading strategies in order to ensure comprehension related to academic success at the college level.
- Students will comprehend passages from college-level academic and vocational textbooks.
- Students will identify the organizational patterns used by authors to present information in college-level academic and vocational textbooks.
- Students will use study-reading strategies to understand college-level academic and vocational textbooks.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and [AP 5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

**Textbook:** Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to [Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

**This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:**

- Telephone conference calls (students call in for the conference calls on a regular basis)
- E-mail (to students from the instructor and from the students to the instructor)
- Responses to Weekly Discussions
- Grading of weekly quizzes and tests
- Responses and grading of weekly short essays, midterm exam, and final exam

***The instructor may drop you for non-participation.***

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

*Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.*