

## South Plains College

"SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE IMPROVES EACH STUDENT'S LIFE"

### Course Syllabus for READ 0301 + EDUC 1100 -Summer 2025

Online: Blackboard

Course can be accessed on Blackboard, or by going to [southplainscollege.blackboard.com](https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com)  
(class "website")

### Instructor Contact and Office Hours

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Phone: 806-716-2238 Please leave me a message if I am not available to answer your call

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### Office Hours (virtual):

**Virtual (via Zoom):**

Mondays, 10:00am-12:00pm

**Zoom link:** (in Blackboard, under Start Here)

Passcode: HELLO21

**By appointment:** You may also email me to schedule an appointment between Monday and Friday!

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### **\*Tutoring\***

From time to time, and based on a student's performance in the class, **Dr. Warnick may require the student to meet with a tutor for extra assistance.** Failure to meet with a tutor for a required tutor meeting will result in a deduction of points from the discussion/participation points.

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### **\*Required Materials for Class\***

*BOOK - FREE!!!! This is called an OER - Open Educational Resource. You will receive a link to the OER, posted in the Course Materials link in Blackboard.*

**Additional, Required Course Material:**

1. Dedicated access to a computer WITH Wifi to complete assignments in Blackboard.
2. A place where you can listen and participate in Zoom meetings/sessions
3. 3-ring binder with loose paper
4. Highlighters, pens, pencils
5. Jump/flash drive to save papers
6. Word processing software (Word, Google Docs). **NO Pages (for Macbook users) documents will be accepted: Turnitin and Blackboard cannot "read" these files. MacBook users: you will need to save your Pages documents a Word or PDF documents before submitting any homework and papers.**

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## **\*READ 0301 Course Description/Learning Objectives\***

**Department:** Teaching and Learning Center

**Course Description:** This course is not part of the core curriculum. This course does address South Plains College Universal Learning Outcomes in critical thinking and problem-solving, creativity, communication and collaboration and leadership. Preparation for college-level reading and studying, including vocabulary development, understanding implied ideas and details, identifying author's purpose, point of view and intended meaning, analyzing relationships, critical reasoning for evaluation, and study skills. Credit will not satisfy graduation requirements, but will satisfy developmental reading requirements for TSI purposes.

**Course Purpose:** The purpose of this course is to provide opportunities and incentives for you to read: addressing students' individual skill deficiencies in reading as determined by TSI assessment, helping students gain reading experiences and skills, and preparing students to succeed with the reading requirements of the college curriculum and as lifelong readers/learners.

**Prerequisites:** Recommendation based on assessment.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to demonstrate collegiate reading skills. Students will

- Locate explicit textual information, draw complex inferences, and describe, analyze and evaluate the information within and across multiple texts of varying lengths.
- Comprehend and use vocabulary effectively in oral communication, reading and writing.
- Describe, analyze, and evaluate information within and across a range of texts.
- Identify and analyze the audience, purpose, and message across a variety of texts.
- Describe and apply insights gained from reading a variety of texts.

**Assessment:** Students will demonstrate these skills by scoring a 12.1 or higher grade equivalency score on the "Nelson Denny Reading Test" or meeting another TSI reading compliance standard.

**Course Completion:** Students will demonstrate these skills by attending all classes and completing all assignments and examinations, including class projects with a course grade **of C or better** or by completing TSI assessment requirements/standards (above).

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## **\*EDUC 1100 Course Description/Learning Objectives\***

**Department:** Teaching and Learning Center

**Course Description:** This course is not part of the core curriculum. This course does address South Plains College Universal Learning Outcomes in critical thinking and problem-solving, creativity, communication and collaboration and leadership. This course is a study of the 1) research and theory in the psychology of learning, cognition, and motivation, 2) factors that impact learning, and 3) application of learning strategies. Theoretical models of strategic learning, cognition, and motivation serve as the conceptual basis for the introduction of college-level student academic strategies. This course cannot be taken for credit in conjunction with EDUC 1300.

**Course Purpose:** The purpose of this course is to prepare students for college and life success, equipped with knowledge, skills, strategies and tools to apply to accomplish a variety of tasks in varying contexts.

**Prerequisites:** Course is a co-requisite with READ0301.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to

- Demonstrate understanding and become part of the “college-going culture.”
- Achieve ownership of their educational process.
- Recognize the essential need of conscientious effort and regular attendance in college courses.
- Identify areas of personal and academic strengths and weaknesses.
- Create and implement a behavior modification plan to address weaknesses while building on strengths.
- Learn relaxation, coping mechanisms and stress management techniques.
- Learn cognitive and metacognitive strategies to increase college academic success.
- Develop awareness of campus resources to support college success.
- Contact an advisor to develop a written degree plan/college success plan.

**Assessment:** Upon successful completion of this course, the first-time-in-college/first-semester student will earn a semester GPA of 2.0 or higher. The experienced college student will increase his/her GPA by at least .2.

## **\*Course Evaluation\***

*\*\*\*\*This is a corequisite/joined class. Therefore, the grade earned in READ 0301 will be the same grade awarded in EDUC 1100 and vice versa.\*\*\*\**

*\*\*\*\*A grade of C or better will need to be earned to move on to the next course\*\*\*\**

The grades you receive on your assignments, quizzes, homework, digital work, drafts, revisions, papers, and participation activities are indicators of your progress toward

college-level reading and writing. Students will be asked to keep an ongoing record of these grades. Additionally, **it is each student's responsibility** to continually monitor academic progress posted in each student's grade book on Blackboard.

**Grades are determined by the following scale:**

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69 = D

0-59 = F

*\*\*I only round up to the next whole number when a student's final average is at a 59, 69, 79, or 89. Example: a 79.3 = 80.*

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### Grade breakdown for the class is as follows:

Weekly Reading Assessments (4 of them, beginning in Week 1)	5% of grade
Weekly Discussion Board/Participation	20% of grade
Weekly Assignments and Articles of the Week analyses	35% of grade
Final Reflection Paper	20% of grade
Townsend College Success and Reading Assignments	20% of grade
TOTAL	100%

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### **\*Attendance and Class Policies\***

Attendance is an incredibly important part of your success as it gives you the chance to ask questions and actively participate.

### **\*Attendance in an Online Course/Dropping a Class\***

**You should plan on logging into the course 4-5 times a week to complete weekly modules, remain engaged with the class, and see important weekly announcements.**

**\*If a student logs in but completes no assignment/discussion board by the 4th class day/census day (June 5, 2025), the student will be dropped from BOTH the READ and EDUC portions of this class.**

After the 4th class day, I rarely drop students from courses. Only in extreme cases (i.e., foul language, inappropriate online behavior) will you be dropped. Therefore, please make sure you withdraw from the course if you are not succeeding in the class!

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### Online Behavior/Discussion Board "Netiquette"

It is expected that you will use professional language, free from slang or profanity, in the discussion board, journal prompts, collaborative exercises with students (e.g., Zoom groups, wiki's etc.), and with any correspondence with the professor. There may be times when you agree with some people or disagree with others; that is OK in a discussion!! The important thing is to communicate in a professional, respectful manner. Also, you are expected to keep all posts related to the topic being discussed that week. Any communication, whether written or verbal, that is discriminatory in nature will not be tolerated and will be dealt with immediately. This could result in being withdrawn from the course, and/or being reported to the Dean of Students' Office.

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### \*Grading Policy/Uploading Assignments/Blank Documents \*

- You are expected to submit quality, college-level work, free from errors and slang, on the date on which assignments are due (please see an overview course schedule and Blackboard modules).
- You are expected to keep all material from the class during the course of the semester.
- Grades are updated weekly and entered into the Blackboard grade book.
- It is the student's responsibility to monitor their grades and progress.
- Normal turnaround time for grading is two weeks (generally sooner).
- **\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT!!!!\*\*\*\* Please ONLY upload assignments in PDF or Word versions! I WILL NOT accept any assignments in Pages** (or software programs other than Word, Google Docs, or PDFs). Blackboard and Turnitin cannot "read" this software!
  - A grade of 0 will be entered in the grade book for any document in a format in which I cannot download/edit/read, which includes Pages for Mac users.
- Please upload assignments through the assignment link in each weekly folder (unless otherwise noted).
  - I am not responsible for lost or misplaced assignments, or assignments that are awarded a 0, because they were uploaded to the wrong area.
- If you submit a blank document, this will be considered a 0. You will be able to resubmit any assignments within 1 day of the assignment deadline (with the exception of essays and drafts).
- I am not responsible for paper/homework that is not attached when submitting an assignment.

- Assignments must be authentic and created in a student's own voice. Please see the policy related to plagiarism and generative AI ,below.
- I may request additional information from students (i.e., all links for sources, drafts written, notes kept, etc.). Please keep ALL work related to this class!

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### **\*Late Work Policy\***

- **Weekly assessments, discussion board posts, and the final reflection will not be accepted late** without written permission from the instructor. You will need to email me BEFORE a deadline if you would like me to consider any extension due to an unforeseen circumstance.
- **For weekly homework ONLY, you will be allowed to submit assignments up to 1 day late.** I will send you a reminder that will be emailed to your SPC email. You will have until the following day (11:59 pm, CST) to submit the missing assignment. After that, a grade of 0 will be recorded in the grade book. This does not apply to discussion boards or exams.

If a student is dealing with an unforeseen circumstance (e.g., a death in the family, an illness), **the student should contact the instructor immediately, before the due date of an assignment.** The instructor reserves the right to request appropriate written documentation (e.g., doctor's note). Please do not assume that the instructor will change the date of an assignment, or extend the date, due to an unforeseen circumstance. *It is only at the instructor's discretion that due dates may be amended or extended.* If a date is changed, it will only be changed/amended/extended once. After that, a grade of 0 will be given for additional missed assignments.

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### **\*Assignment Policies/Requirements\***

- You will receive a **set of specific instructions** for **each assignment**, as well as the rubric, which will be used to grade your weekly reading assignments.
- Unless otherwise noted, all assignments should be typed in Word, Google Docs, or saved and uploaded as PDFs.
- REMINDER!!! Assignments will ONLY be accepted in Microsoft Word and PDF versions, uploaded through Blackboard and Turnitin.

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### **\*Discussion Board Requirements\***

#### **Discussion Board Requirements**

Initial post, 100 words, due by Thursday, 11:59pm – worth up to 50 points
You will have until Sunday of that week (11:59pm) to post one additional reply (50 words) to another classmate – worth up to 50 points

You will be in a small group; you will be interacting with the professor and other classmates.

Grading: Grade is based on length, quality, and timeliness. Posts that add to discussion, question things, solve issues, apply concepts, answer every part of the question, and use examples from the book and other sources are considered "A" posts.

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### **\*Plagiarism and Cheating: Definitions and Policy\***

Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, digital homework, exams, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in a n F for the course, and/or a referral to the Dean of Students.

#### **What is Plagiarism?**

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail-order term paper mill;
2. Turning in a paper/project/assignment that someone else completed for you;
3. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
4. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
5. Missing in-text citations.
6. Taking an essay/paper/assignment you wrote for another class (whether for me or another professor) and submitting it again in this class.

#### **What Constitutes Cheating?**

**Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:**

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another and/or having someone else take an exam for you;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper;

10. Utilizing Chat GPT, and/or any type of generative AI device to write parts or all of an assignment.

### **\*Generative AI Policy\***

### **\*Plagiarism and Cheating: Definitions and Policy\***

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**\*\*Please do not, under any circumstances, turn in a paper, whether whole or in part, that is not your own.**

**\*\*Please do not turn in a previously written paper that you wrote for another course.**

**\*\*Please do not, under any circumstances, turn in a paper, whether whole or in part, using any generative AI technology (i.e., ChatGPT, Nova GPT, etc.)**

**Please see the information below related to plagiarism, cheating, and generative AI.**

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1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail-order term paper mill;
2. Turning in a paper/project/assignment that someone else completed for you;
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4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
  5. Taking an examination for another and/or having someone else take an exam for you;
  6. Altering grade records;
  7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
  8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
  9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper;
  10. Utilizing Chat GPT, and/or any type of generative AI device to write parts or all of an assignment (unless otherwise noted in assignment instructions);
  11. Using a translator, whether human or computerized, to write a paper or assignment.
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### **\*Generative AI Policy\***

Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be helpful for students to use as a springboard or brainstorming tool. However, **it cannot replace the critical thinking, creativity, and independent work that are expected for assignments submitted in this class and that are integral to your academic growth.** Submission of an assignment composed by AI is considered a violation of academic integrity.

Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, digital homework, exams, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F/0 for the assignment and can result in an F for the course, and/or a referral to the Dean of Students.

**South Plains College's AI policy may be found here:**

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>

**Generative AI policy:** Our Turnitin system utilizes an AI checker. Should an essay/assignment be flagged as having used AI, and/or, if the submitted work differs greatly from previously submitted work, the student will be notified by the instructor for further consultation and discussion.

Depending on the situation (and only in a "first offense" situation), the student may be provided a short window of time in which to rewrite the essay using no AI devices (including things such as Grammarly, Microsoft Word editor, and even translator software). If they refuse this option, students will be awarded a 0 for that assignment.

Additionally, I may request additional information to support that a student did not use AI device software (i.e., ask for all links for sources, drafts written, notes kept, output created, etc.). Please keep ALL work related to this class!

Should an additional occurrence of AI usage occur, the student will be awarded a 0 for the assignment, an F in the course, and an administrative drop (with an F) from the course.

**For this class,** there are only **TWO acceptable AI platforms** that may be used for specific assignments (these assignments will be marked clearly in Blackboard):

1. Dr. Warnick's "Reading" ChatGPT Bot
  2. Dr. Warnick's Magic School AI Classroom
- Both of these will be linked in the course, as you will be using both to practice learning how to generate prompts and read output.
  - You must save ALL output from these bots! If there is ever a question about AI usage, I will ask to see the dated output, which is stored automatically for you in each of these platforms.

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### **\*SPC Institutional Policies\***

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus. When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college, or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. **It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed** within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first-class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their

administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

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**Academic Integrity:** It is the aim of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present assignments that he or she has not honestly performed is regarded as a serious offense. The offender is liable to the consequences for cheating and plagiarism as described in the SPC catalog in sections, "Academic Integrity" and "Student Conduct."

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**Campus Carry and South Plains College: Important Information:** Texas SB 11 (Campus Concealed Carry) went into effect for community colleges on August 1, 2017.

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### **Campus Resources:**

**Tutoring:** Tutoring Services will be offering face-to-face tutoring one-on-one appointments, one-on-one live virtual sessions with SPC tutors, as well as using services from tutor.com. For additional questions regarding Tutoring Services or scheduling, please contact Ms. Dalila Gonzales at 806-716-2538 or at [dgonzales@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dgonzales@southplainscollege.edu).

**Library Resources:** Access electronic resources, chat with a librarian, get help with your citation, and find short videos to help you get started with using Library services. Visit <https://southplainscollege.libguides.com/> or contact the library at Levelland (806-716-2330 or [library@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:library@southplainscollege.edu)) or at Reese (806-716-4682 or [referencelub@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:referencelub@southplainscollege.edu)).

**Health & Wellness Center:** The counselors at the Health & Wellness center can advise you confidentially. They can also help you access other resources on campus and in the local community. You can schedule an appointment with a counselor by calling 716-2529.

**Advising & Testing:** Students may contact the advising and testing center for information regarding TSI or other tests required by programs at SPC and/or advising services.

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**Non-Discrimination Statement:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Stan DeMerritt, Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

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**Students with Disabilities:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

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**Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations:** If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations, you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical information, to the Director of Health & Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health & Wellness at 806-716-2362 for assistance.

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**Diversity Statement:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world, and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is but also model society as it should and can be.

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## **\*Syllabus Statement\***

**I reserve the right to amend, delete, add, and/or edit the above information, as well as dates/assignments as needed, to meet learning outcomes in the course.**

*The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by faculty of the Reading Department at South Plains College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for South Plains College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives. However, instructors also are encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course's subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.*

**TENTATIVE Schedule for Online Coreq: READ0301/EDUC110 – Summer, 2025 - Dr. Erika Warnick** *Schedule Subject to Change*

Please Note: I reserve the right to change/amend/delete/add/edit materials, assignments, assessments, and dates as necessary to meet the learning outcomes of the course. Please check Blackboard for an updated schedule.

This is a tentative course schedule and is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

Please note: This is an OVERVIEW of the semester; this is NOT a complete homework schedule.

Specific activities and homework assignments are in your weekly Modules in Blackboard.

You will be notified in class and/or via Blackboard of any changes. It is your responsibility to keep up with changes to the schedule and syllabus.

Week	Topic/Discussion/Activity	Due/ To Do:  Unless otherwise noted, assignments are due by 11:59pm on the date indicated below
<b>Week 1</b> June 2-8  Weeks in this class go from Monday-Sunday!  Weekly folders open on Sunday!	Welcome to the Class! I am glad you are here!!  Getting Started in Class!  SQ3R Strategy, Reading Assessment A, Discussion Board Welcome, How the Brain Works, Reading Analysis #1 & #2	Complete Week 1 Folder in Blackboard  *Complete Week 1 assignments by Sunday, June 9  *Complete Townsend Reading Assessment A
<b>Week 2</b> June 9-15	Note-taking Strategy Style #1, Topics in Reading, Reading & the Brain, Summarization, Reading Analysis #3 & #4	Complete Week 2 Folder in Blackboard  *Complete Week 2 assignments by Sunday, June 15  *Complete Townsend Reading Assessment B + Townsend College Success Activities
<b>Week 3</b> June 16-22  Discussion board extension – Campus closed on June 19, 2025	Note-taking Strategy Style #2, Stated Main Ideas, and College Success, Reading Analysis #5 & #6	Complete Week 3 Folder in Blackboard  *Complete Week 3 assignments by Sunday, June 22  *Complete Townsend Reading Assessment C + Townsend College Success Activities

<p><b>Week 4</b> June 23-29</p>	<p>Note-taking Strategy Style #3 and #4, College Success, Inferences and Supporting Details, Reading Analysis #7 &amp; #8</p>	<p>Complete Week 4 Folder in Blackboard</p> <p>*Complete Week 4 assignments by Sunday, June 29</p> <p>***Complete Weekly Assessment #3 in Townsend, plus Townsend assignments on College Prep</p>
<p><b>Week 5</b> June 30-July 2**</p>	<p>Final Week + Finals - Patterns of Organization/Putting it All Together</p>	<p>Complete Week 5 Folder in Blackboard</p> <p>*Complete Week 5 assignments by Wednesday, July 2</p> <p>***Complete Weekly Assessment #4 in Townsend, plus Townsend assignments on College Prep</p> <p>***Final Reflection due Wednesday, July 2 (12:00pm)</p>

REMINDER: These dates and topics are subject to change and are tentative! Any changes will be notated in Blackboard and announced through