

Course Assessment Report
Washtenaw Community College

Discipline	Course Number	Title
English	034	ENG 034 06/05/2014-Intermediate ESL Reading II
Division	Department	Faculty Preparer
Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences	English/Writing	Heather Zettelmaier
Date of Last Filed Assessment Report		

I. Assessment Results per Student Learning Outcome

Outcome 1: Improve reading comprehension by at least one level from pre- to post-test.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Edinburg Project On Extensive Reading (EPER) Tests will be administered at the beginning and end of the course and the results compared. Improvement by at least one level is expected.
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2012
 - Course section(s)/other population: all
 - Number students to be assessed: all students who complete the course
 - How the assessment will be scored:
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment:
 - Who will score and analyze the data:

1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
2013		

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
11	19

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal,

or did not complete activity.

Three students entered ENG 034 in August, 2013. They and sixteen other students who entered ENG 033 but finished the semester at 034 were assessed, for a total of nineteen students.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

There was only one section of this course, and all students in it were assessed.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

The EPER reading test was given on the first day of the semester and the last day of the semester. The test has a standardized method for scoring. The reading level was calculated using the pre- and post- tests for each student.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: No

Twelve out of nineteen students (63%) achieved an increase of at least one letter grade on the EPER standardized reading test.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

For the most part, students who attended regularly and completed the coursework consistently achieved an increase in their EPER reading level. Six students jumped two levels and six others increased by one.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

Students fell short of the goal of 70% of students increasing their reading level by at least one level. Despite some excellent results, three students' results indicated a lower reading level at the end of the semester. In one case, this correlated with a borderline passing final exam score, but in the other two cases, the final exam scores were strong.

Outcome 2: Demonstrate mastery of the 2000 Word List.

- **Assessment Plan**

- Assessment Tool: The vocabulary test by Paul Nation et al will be administered at the end of the semester.
- Assessment Date: Winter 2012
- Course section(s)/other population: all
- Number students to be assessed: all students who complete the course
- How the assessment will be scored:
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6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

Eighteen out of nineteen students (95%) achieved a score of at least 70% on the Nation vocabulary test.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Overall, vocabulary enrichment is a clear area of achievement based on the standards of success.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

No weaknesses for this outcome were identified in this assessment. This course will continue to offer vocabulary activities to support strong vocabulary enrichment.

II. Course Summary and Action Plans Based on Assessment Results

1. Describe your overall impression of how this course is meeting the needs of students. Did the assessment process bring to light anything about student achievement of learning outcomes that surprised you?

This course had clear expectations for students and coursework required that helped students achieve higher levels of reading. It was clear from the success rate in Outcome #1 that some of that scaffolding set up to raise student success was not effective. However, based on analysis of the results, it appears that most of the students who did not meet the standard for improvement in reading also did not complete coursework consistently. As a result, the problem does not appear to be with the course, but instead with students' study and attendance habits.

2. Describe when and how this information, including the action plan, was or will be shared with Departmental Faculty.

This information will be shared with Departmental Faculty during the August 2014 in-service.

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Intended Change(s)

Intended Change	Description of the change	Rationale	Implementation Date
No changes intended.			

4. Is there anything that you would like to mention that was not already captured?
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III. Attached Files

Vocabulary Exam
034 assessment data

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Dean: Dena Blair **Date:** 07/28/2014
Assessment Committee Chair: Michelle Garey **Date:** 09/18/2014



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I. Background Information

1. Course assessed:
 Course Discipline Code and Number: ENG034
 Course Title: Intermediate ESL Reading II
 Division/Department Codes: 11300

2. Semester assessment was conducted (check one):
 Fall 20__
 Winter 2009
 Spring/Summer 20__

3. Assessment tool(s) used: check all that apply.
 Portfolio
 Standardized test
 Other external certification/licensure exam (specify):
 Survey
 Prompt
 Departmental exam
 Capstone experience (specify):
 Other (specify):

4. Have these tools been used before?
 Yes
 No

If yes, have the tools been altered since its last administration? If so, briefly describe changes made.

5. Indicate the number of students assessed/total number of students enrolled in the course.
 33/33

6. Describe how students were selected for the assessment.
 All students enrolled in the course were assessed.

II. Results

1. Briefly describe the changes that were implemented in the course as a result of the previous assessment.
 This course has not been assessed. However, we made a change since the master syllabus was written in 2005. More emphasis has been placed on the first 2000 words rather than the first 3000 based on what I learned during my sabbatical Winter 2007.

2. List each outcome that was assessed for this report exactly as it is stated on the course master syllabus.
 1. Students will improve their level of reading comprehension by at least one level.
 2. Students will demonstrate 70% mastery of the 3000 word list.

3. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected during the course assessment, demonstrating the extent to which students are achieving each of the learning outcomes listed above. *Please attach a summary of the data collected.*
 Of the 33 students who completed ENG 034, 29 improved their reading comprehension level by at least one level while four did not. This meets the goal.
 Of the 33 students who completed ENG 034, 29 (88%) had at least 70% on the vocabulary test. This meets the goal.

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The standard of success stated "Students should score at least 70% on the items being assessed".

For outcome #1 32 students (97%) passed the final vocabulary test on the first 2000 words.

For outcome #2 29 students (88%) improved their reading comprehension by at least one level.. This meets the goal.

5. Describe the areas of strength and weakness in students' achievement of the learning outcomes shown in assessment results.

Strengths: The results on the vocabulary demonstrate that all but one of the students significantly improved in the targeted vocabulary.

The results on the reading comprehension test demonstrate that 88% of the students significantly improved their comprehension of written English.

Weaknesses: None.

III. Changes influenced by assessment results

1. If weaknesses were found (see above) or students did not meet expectations, describe the action that will be taken to address these weaknesses.

2. Identify intended changes that will be instituted based on results of this assessment activity (check all that apply). Please describe changes and give rationale for change.

- a. Outcomes/Assessments on the Master Syllabus

Change/rationale:

- b. Objectives/Evaluation on the Master Syllabus

Change/rationale:

- c. Course pre-requisites on the Master Syllabus

Change/rationale:

- d. 1st Day Handouts

Change/rationale:

- e. Course assignments

Change/rationale:

- f. Course materials (check all that apply)

Textbook

Handouts

Other:

- g. Instructional methods

Change/rationale:

- h. Individual lessons & activities

Change/rationale:

3. What is the timeline for implementing these actions?

IV. Future plans

1. Describe the extent to which the assessment tools used were effective in measuring student achievement of learning outcomes for this course.

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These tools were effective and correlated well with other measures of success in the course (i.e. midterm and final exams).

- 2. If the assessment tools were not effective, describe the changes that will be made for future assessments.
- 3. Which outcomes from the master syllabus have been addressed in this report?

All X Selected _____

If "All", provide the report date for the next full review: Winter 2012

If "Selected", provide the report date for remaining outcomes: _____

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