

## **Course Description**

In this 10-hour course, students will learn to connect practical reading strategies to the essential academic writing skills of paraphrasing and summarizing. Students will extend these skills to the critical analysis of texts. Students will receive grammatical feedback on their work throughout the course.

## **Course Objectives**

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- Apply reading strategies to better comprehend and respond to academic texts
- Improve ability to interpret academic texts by using critical reading techniques
- Develop effective paraphrasing and summarizing skills
- Refine self-editing skills

## **Assignments**

Details of all assignments will be provided in class.

## **Attendance & Letter of Completion**

Students will receive a “letter of completion” at the end of this course, providing they attend a minimum of 80% of classes (8/10 classes). Please note that there will NOT be a record of this course on your UM transcript.

## **Grading**

Although homework will be assigned, assignments/presentations will not be formally graded. Instead, students will receive constructive feedback from the instructor. The emphasis in this course is on student improvement in the language areas covered in class.

## **What Will I Learn in Class?**

### **READING**

#### **Literal Comprehension Module**

- Reading Comprehension
- Reading Strategies
- Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Review

### **WRITING**

#### **Paraphrasing and Summarizing Module**

- Paraphrasing & Summarizing Strategies
- Citation
- Editing for Global Grammar Errors
- Synthesis