



Syllabus for Vocabulary Studies

Welcome to JM031 and JM 032 for Vocabulary Studies!

Please read the information in this syllabus before proceeding to the course materials.

Credits: 1 credit hour

Prerequisite: None

Instructional Team

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Our Academic Advisors are also available to help you when you need it. They are trained to provide tutoring in all subjects or answer your questions about the course or program.

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Hours: 8:30AM – 8:30PM EST Monday-Friday

Textbook

This course does not require a textbook. All reading materials are provided online.

Course Description

Vocabulary Studies is a fundamental English/Language Arts course that focuses on helping students improve and understand vocabulary words by examination of Greek and Latin bases of words, recognition of word parts such as prefixes and suffixes, and looking at the etymological, or root, meanings of words. Students will recognize relationships between words (analogies, synonyms, and antonyms), as well as mastering difficult or confusing words (homonyms, homophones, and homographs). Students will also learn to break down challenging words into parts and to derive meaning of vocabulary words from context. The course provides an extensive introduction to figurative language, such as metaphors, similes, personification, idioms, and alliteration. Students are assessed by multiple choice exams on the course content.

Course Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Recognize word parts: affixes, prefixes, suffixes and base words.
- Identify vocabulary concept of analogies and how they are used in daily reading and writing activities.



- Define and differentiate betweenonyms, synonyms, homonyms, homophones and homographs.
- Identify connotative and denotative definitions.
- Recognize challenging words as well as how to break them apart to understand meaning and context.
- Acquire vocabulary knowledge by historical reviewing English words and look at lexical change and variation between vocabulary words.
- Differentiate and categorize family relationship between words, by looking closely at root words.
- Identify figurative language and how it is connected to every day vocabulary.
- Define metaphors and similes and their relationship to everyday vocabulary.
- Recognize and apply terminology and jargon and demonstrate the techniques and tools can be used to determine if word usage is correct.

Course Lessons

The following lessons are covered in JM031, Vocabulary Studies Part I

Lesson	Read/Submit	Topics
Lesson 1	Lesson 1.1 - Lecture 1: The Importance of Using Proper Vocabulary when Speaking, Writing, Reading and Listening. Lesson 1.2 --- Carefully review the lists of more of the most commonly used prefixes and suffixes by clicking HERE . Exam 1	Introduction to affixes and base words, Prefixes and suffixes
Lesson 2	No reading assignment	Basic comparing and contrasting, Everyday idioms
Lesson 3	Lesson 3.1 -- Carefully read Lecture 2: Antonyms, Synonyms and Homonyms. Lesson 3.2 -- Carefully review Lecture 2: Antonyms, Synonyms and Homonyms. Exam 2	Synonyms used in the academics, Antonyms used in the academics
Lesson 4	Lesson 4.1 – No reading assignment Lesson 4.2 – No reading assignment	Using prior knowledge to determine the correct word for the context, Discovering the correct word in the sentence by looking at



	Lesson 4.3 -- Watch a video on Misused Expressions by clicking HERE .	the surrounding words, Finding the correct words when proof reading papers
Lesson 5	Lesson 5.1-- Carefully read Lecture 3: Indirect/ Direct Definitions . Lesson 5.2 -- Read the following article to gain a better understanding of connotative and denotative definitions: Definition and Meaning . Exam 3	Unlocking the word meanings directly, Unlocking the word meaning indirectly
Lesson 6	No reading assignments Exam 4	Vocabulary in academics, Vocabulary in social interactions
Lesson 7	Lesson 7.1 -- Carefully read the Lecture 4: The Use of Vocabulary with Certain Genre . Lesson 7.2— No reading assignment Lesson 7.3 – No reading assignment Exam 5	Vocabulary words in sociology, Vocabulary words in mathematics, Vocabulary words in economics
Lesson 8	No reading assignments Exam 6	Vocabulary in literacy and reading, Vocabulary in business, Vocabulary in physical science

The following lessons are covered in JM032, Vocabulary Studies Part II

Lesson	Read/Submit	Topics
Lesson 1	Lesson 1.1 -- Carefully read Lecture 1: Where Do Our Words Come From? Lesson 1.2 -- Carefully review the lists of commonly used words	Introduction to the concept of old English, More old English



and their roots by clicking [HERE](#).

Lesson 2

Lesson 2.1 - Carefully examine the list of common root words by clicking [HERE](#). A close look at root words, A closer look at root words

Lesson 2.2 -- Carefully examine the list of more commonly used root words by clicking [HERE](#).

Exam 1

Lesson 3

Lesson 3.1 -- Carefully read Lecture 2: [Figures of Speech and Vocabulary](#). Introduction to figurative language, Mastering personification, alliteration and onomatopoeia,

Lesson 3.2— No reading assignment Mastering hyperbole, idioms and clichés

Lesson 3.3 -- You can view commonly used idioms [HERE](#).

Exam 2

Lesson 4

Lesson 4.1 -- Watch the short video, [Figurative Language](#), to discover the meaning of similes and metaphors, and to review other types of figurative language that we have covered thus far. A close look at metaphors and similes, A closer look at metaphors and similes

Lesson 4.2 – No reading assignment

Lesson 5

Lesson 5.1 -- Carefully read Lecture 3: [Affixes and Root Words](#). Mastering confusing words by looking at prefixes, Mastering confusing words by

Lesson 5.2 -- Carefully review the list of looking at suffixes, Mastering confusing



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common prefixes and
suffixes by clicking
[HERE](#).

words by looking at
prefixes and suffixes in
words

Exam 3

Lesson 6

Lesson 6.1 – No
reading assignment

Lesson 6.2 – No
reading assignment

Lesson 6.3 -- Carefully
read "[The Battle of the
Ants](#)" by Henry David
Thoreau.

A close look at
synonym/antonym
connection; object
classification; object
relations, A close look
at group relations;
cause and effect;
degrees of
characteristics, A
close look at effect
and results;
problem/solution
connection; verb
tenses

Lesson 7

Lesson 7.1 –No
reading assignment

Lesson 7.2 -- Carefully
read [The Haunted
Mind](#) by Nathaniel
Hawthorne.

Lesson 7.3 – No
reading assignment

A close look at
performer and action;
part to whole, A close
look at object and
function; object and
location, A close look
at things that go
together and rhyme

Exam 4
