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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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 between anonyms, 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

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<td>Using prior knowledge to determine the correct word for the context, Discovering the correct word in the sentence by looking at</td>
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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.

Unlocking the word meanings directly, Unlocking the word meaning indirectly

Exam 3

Lesson 6
No reading assignments Vocabulary in academics, Vocabulary in social interactions

Exam 4

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

Vocabulary words in sociology, Vocabulary words in mathematics, Vocabulary words in economics

Exam 5

Lesson 8
No reading assignments Vocabulary in literacy and reading, Vocabulary in business, Vocabulary in physical science

Exam 6

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Lesson 2.1 - Carefully examine the list of common root words by clicking HERE.
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.
Lesson 3.2 -- No reading assignment
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.
Lesson 4.2 -- No reading assignment

Lesson 5
Lesson 5.1 -- Carefully read Lecture 3: Affixes and Root Words.
Lesson 5.2 -- Carefully review the list of Mastering confusing words by looking at prefixes, Mastering confusing words by looking at suffixes, Mastering confusing...
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<td>at group relations; cause and effect; degrees of characteristics, A close look at effect and results; problem/solution connection; verb tenses</td>
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