



**Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research**

**University of Salahaddin**

**College of Political Science/ IR Department**

**Subject: Academic Reading Skills for First Year Students**

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<b>1. Course name</b>	Academic Reading skills
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<b>5. Time (in hours) per week</b>	8 hours

### **6. Course overview:**

This course prepares students to study wholly in English at the college of political science (IR department). Furthermore, to join the world of academic English. The course will be in particular skill in English Language which is reading. So, the focus will be:

1. Decoding is a vital step in the reading process. ...
2. Fluency.
3. Vocabulary.
4. Sentence Construction and Cohesion.
5. Reasoning and Background Knowledge.
6. Working Memory and Attention.

### **7. The outline of the lectures will divided to :-**

- 1- Reading strategy
- 2- purposeful reading
- 3- scanning
- 4- skimming
- 5- information words
- 6- phrase reading
- 7- analytical reading
- 8- marking the text
- 9- note-taking
- 10- managing vocabulary
- 11- reading with others

In order to encourage students to approach texts independently and to work through the material with ease, an attempt has been made to present the texts in order of language complexity, going from simplified press material to authentic academic journal articles. Topic areas have been chosen to be interest to students. The early ones tend to be about topics of general interest, while the majority of journal articles deal with issues in the field of education.

The program consists of many parts Guided Reading This section provides guidance and practice in strategies for efficient reading. It offers a wide range of texts, each accompanied by guidelines that lead the student through the reading process. Each text comes with specific tasks for before, during and after reading.

1- BEFORE YOU READ - Here students are guided to think about the subject, predict content and then to skim the text in order to get a general impression.

2- WHILE YOU READ - These tasks guide the students to read with a purpose in mind.

3- AFTER YOU READ - This section is divided into two parts:

- How much did you understand? - These are simple comprehension questions, whose purpose is to show students how much they have understood and to build their confidence.
- Text Analysis - Here students are asked to answer text analysis questions that require thinking about the writer's purpose and point of view, as well as organization of the text.

## 8. Course Reading List and References :

1. In this course will be taking from Cambridge university online materials and the link is below <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/>

2. the other source will be taking from British General council :  
<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english/stories>

3. English club: this website has an incredible reading section; their reading skills section includes a reading test.

<https://www.englishclub.com/reading/>

4. Cambridge English / IELTS. The reading skills (Book).

