Harvard Course in Reading and Study Strategies
Special Session Tailored to Students/Readers for Whom English Is a Non-Native Language

Where and when does the course meet? The course meets in Science Center E for one week, two hours per day, Monday, January 14, through Friday, January 18, 2013, 3 to 5 p.m.

What are the aims of the course? The course helps students to develop a repertoire of strategies for reading expository text and to develop a sense of judgment about how to use those strategies. Topics include:

- Reading with a Question
- Reading from the Writer’s Perspective
- Overviewing
- Summarizing
- Remembering What You Read
- Navigating Longer Texts

Is this an ESL course? This is not an ESL course, i.e., a course in how to read English. It is a course in how to approach reading expository texts in English at an advanced level (i.e., at an undergraduate, graduate, or professional level).

Who can take the course? Anyone can register for this course: Harvard students, students from other colleges and universities; secondary school students; and professionals and others who want to read more actively, strategically, and efficiently.

How do I decide whether to take the term-time/summer course or this January course? Any student is welcome to take either the term-time/summer version of the course or this January course tailored to non-native English readers. The January course will address the same topics as the term-time/summer course but will also devote particular attention to the structure of American academic/expository texts, the implicit assumptions about authority at work for American academic writers and readers, and students’ experience of adjusting to Harvard/college courses and classrooms.

What is the cost of the course? Is financial assistance available? The cost for this course is $25 for students in Harvard College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, $150 for all others. For Harvard College students, financial aid is available for eligible students only for the term-time sessions of the course (not for sessions offered in January or in the summer). For Harvard graduate students, financial assistance varies by program; students should speak with their particular program director.

How do students register and pay for the course? Advance registration is required; registration begins November 5, 2012. Please register in person at 5 Linden Street, Cambridge, MA, or by regular mail. We cannot accept registration by phone or email. For instructions to register by mail, please contact Paulette Dusossoit, pdusossoit@bsc.harvard.edu. Payment in full is required upon registration. Cash and checks are accepted. Harvard students may term bill (except students in the Harvard Extension School).