Academic English 22A (Reading and Vocabulary)

Course Description
This course is designed to help students read Academic English more effectively and to expand your range of academic vocabulary. The course offers extensive practice using appropriate word forms, especially in summaries and paraphrases.

Course Materials
• Nancy Douglas, et al, Reading Explorer 5 or similar textbook
• Longman’s Advanced American Dictionary (highly recommended)
• Vocabulary Lists for all texts (distributed electronically by the instructor)

Course Requirements
• Good attendance: students with more than three absences risk failure.
• Passing grades on tests (average), Midterm and the Final Exam
• Homework consists of exercises, summaries, paraphrases and dictionary work based on the readings in the book

Test Format
• Vocabulary section (both matching and fill-in-the-blank)
• Excerpt from a familiar text (with questions about both the excerpt and the text it comes from)
• A page-length unfamiliar text on a closely related topic with sentences to be identified as T (true), F (false) and NS (not stated)
• Summary and/or Paraphrase