## Courses

Read 70 - Reading Across the Discplines

Read 80 - Advanced Reading for College success

Read 200 - Reading Fundamentals

Read 211 - Developmental Reading

## **Programs**

Language Arts Integrated Reading and Writing (LART)

A bridge program to help prepare students for transfer, the curriculum focuses on Latino authors/writers (PUENTE)

Curriculum in Reading, English and Writing (CREM)

**Learning In Communities (LinC)** 

First Year Experience program, Contextualized Learning Curriculum (FYE)

## **National Status on Reading**

- No Child Left Behind has directly influenced teaching to the test; entering
  first year students have been taught to
  fake reading but not comprehend and
  analyze text.
- Recent statistics from the US Department of Education illustrate a decline in adult literacy. Adults are experiencing difficulty with document literature used in everyday life.
- 31% of university graduates are unable to critically read and analyze advance texts.
- SAT Reading comprehension scores are lowest on record; 44% of underrepresented students account for this statistics.







"It was like a blindfold that I had on until I was able to understand the (theoretical) readings.

Once I understood what I was reading I was able to make a change. My vocabulary enhanced, I learned more about the world."

Victor, Read Program 200

"So when I initially heard I had to take a reading class, I thought why? I already know how to read. But I've enjoyed this class a lot, I've really learned how to read and I really enjoy the readings.

Things that I've learned in this class have helped me in other classes. Now I just want to read more and more and more!"

- College reading is the crux of higher education
- Reading contributes to student success
- Post-secondary reading is NOT decoding but strengthening cognitive development in regard to vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and analysis.
- Strong reading skills are critical to success in writing (National Research LaMannque, A.2008).

- Reading faculty have the specialized education and time to develop and deliver personalized reading instruction.
- Reading classes offer additional class time to aid in concentration.
- Our department offers combined Reading and English courses (LARTS).
- Reading classes are an essential component of LART, FYE, Puente, CREM, and LinC; programs to support our diverse populations.

Karen, Read Program 200