

English 156 Distance Education Course
Pre-Enrollment Information
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Welcome to English 156! My name is Stacy Pointer Kimmey, and I look forward to meeting you.

Welcome to the world of online learning:

I'm presuming this is a new experience for the majority of you, so please read on to determine whether a DE course is right for you!

Please click on <http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/distance/> to learn more about online learning and distance education courses.

To find out if an online course is right for you, click on the “Links” (right-hand side) and take the **self-assessment survey**. You will also want to click on the “**FAQs: Technical**” info http://www.cuesta.edu/academics/distance/faqs_technical.html to find out what kind of system requirements you'll need (for your computer) to succeed in a Distance education course.

First Order of Business:

This 18-week distance education course begins on Monday, August 21st. Registered students must log in no later than Thursday of the first week of instruction; if you do not log in, then I will presume you are not in the course and will drop you.

Since I take a full summer break, I will not be responding to emails until the Thursday before the start of the semester. However, I will “open” the course in Canvas the Sunday night before the semester begins.

Required Texts

- *America Now* by Robert Atwan. 12 edition (check the Cuesta bookstore to make sure this the correct edition before you purchase this one).
- *The Tattoo* by Chris McKinney.

Computer Requirements

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

For success in this course, you must have access to a **reliable computer**, an email account, and a **functioning Internet connection** (sorry, but a mobile device will not be enough to complete

and/or submit assignments!). You should also have a backup plan should your system or your Internet provider fail. You should also know how to activate your myCuesta email account and/or **route all Cuesta email you receive to your personal email account.**

In order to log on to your Canvas account, please click here for step-by-step instructions:
<http://cuesta.instructure.com/>.

For more information about computer requirements, please **see the FAQs** above. Also, do not bookmark/favorite the Canvas site after you login, or you will get an error message the next time you try to log in. Finally, if you're having an issue while you're in Canvas (something will not submit, etc), please log out and log back in on a different browser.

Course Description:

English 156 is designed to prepare you for English 201A, the freshman composition level course. You must have taken and received a "C" or better in English 099 OR taken the Cuesta assessment test (with the qualifying score) to be eligible for this course.

You will do a lot of reading and writing, so be prepared to spend the required "2 hours of study time for every 1 hour of class time." And please note that this requirement only applies to "study time," not the extra time required in a distance education course to navigate the technology, to respond to online discussions and/or to contribute to our online assignments. **Please note: failure to log in each week to Canvas and participate in the weekly lessons means you will not pass the class!**

Your success in the course means you will want to read and follow the weekly checklists and stay connected to me and the course content; I will open the weekly content/module on Sundays nights at 8:00 p.m. For the most part, your assignments, discussion posts, and quizzes will be due every Sunday night at midnight. There will be an occasional exception to this rule—which is why the checklists are so important. Please make sure to read and review the syllabus (posted in the first module) for more information about deadlines.

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

If you are a student with a verified disability—or you need information about our DSPS program, please contact the DSPS program at 546-3148 (SLO campus) or 591-6215 (North County campus). You will also need to let me know by the first class meeting (our first F2F meeting on campus).