

English 201B: Introduction to Literature and Critical Thinking, CRN 50853

A Completely Online Course

Enrollment Information for Summer 2017

Welcome to Cuesta's Online English 201B!

My name is Roland Finger, and I look forward to working with you this summer session. My email address is roland_finger@cuesta.edu. My office phone number is (805) 546-3100 ext. 2769. My cell phone number is (701) 566-2614. The best way to contact me is via email.

Our Canvas site will be available for you on 6/12/2017. If you would like to get a head start on the reading before class officially starts, let me know, and I can email you the syllabus. Our class is fully online. There are no mandatory meetings. I will be holding online office hours when our summer session starts. You can also reach me over the phone. Even though there are no required meetings, I am available to meet face-to-face at the SLO Campus.

Because this is a summer course, the pace will be demanding. But the course will also be enjoyable and rewarding because we will be reading and interpreting some spectacular literary works.

Course Description: This class provides an introduction to the study of literature with an emphasis in both literary composition and critical thinking. This course develops critical thinking and writing skills through the close study of major genres of literature: poetry, fiction, and drama. Students receive instruction in analytical and argumentative writing by studying literature and criticism and by identifying sound and fallacious methods of reasoning in assessments of literature.

Student Learning Outcomes for English 201B

Upon completing ENGL 201B successfully, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate advanced critical thinking and reasoning skills in a literary context;
- Write interpretive literary arguments using advanced rhetorical and composition skills; and
- Demonstrate information fluency in a literary context.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of English 201A (formerly English 1A, freshman composition) or equivalent with a grade of C or better.

Texts for English 201B will be available entirely online through our Canvas site.

Canvas Information

For this class, we will be using Cuesta College's Canvas site. The following link will give you the system requirements/minimum computer specifications for our class.

http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/distance/faqs_technical.html

During the semester, Canvas will serve as our virtual classroom. You will need to complete weekly assignments in Canvas, and you will submit formal essays through the turnitin.com feature in Canvas.

Accessing Canvas

Here is a link that provides Cuesta Canvas access instructions.

http://www.cuesta.edu/student/documents/distance_ed_students/Canvas_Quick_Reference_Students.pdf

Log into MyCuesta, and then click on the resources tab. Then in the Online Learning Block, click on Canvas to access your course. It will take you directly to

<https://cuesta.instructure.com> You may also go directly to <https://cuesta.instructure.com> and use your MyCuesta user name (firstname_lastname) and password.

Here is a link for video orientations for using Canvas.

http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/distance/fac_de_resources/Student_Videos.html

You can also use a mobile app to access Canvas. Here is a link with information about the mobile app: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-1542>.

For information regarding Screen Readers, go to the following sites.

- Macintosh: [VoiceOver](#) (latest version for Safari)
- PC: [JAWS](#) (latest version for Internet Explorer)
- PC: [NVDA](#) (latest version for Firefox)
- There is no screen reader support for Canvas in Chrome

For help with any technology related issues, contact support@my.cuesta.edu

College and Course Policies

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism is an academic offense. In your writing, you may not borrow someone else's ideas, conclusions, sentences, or phrases without properly crediting that person. You may not turn in any work that is not your own. If you have questions regarding plagiarism, please ask me. Here is the link to Cuesta's academic honesty policy; it includes the Student Code of Conduct and Student Computer Technology Access Agreement: http://www.cuesta.edu/student/documents/admissions_records/code_of_conduct.pdf

The Waitlist

If English 201B fills to capacity, you will have the opportunity to join a waitlist. If space becomes available, Cuesta will send you an email instructing you to add the course. Once the email is sent, you will have 24 hours to add the course through MyCuesta. If students wish to add after the course officially begins and space permits, I will provide students with add codes. The add codes will be distributed according to waitlist priority.

For more information on Cuesta's waitlist procedures and instructions, please consult the following website.

<http://www.cuesta.edu/student/getstarted/register/Waitlist.html>

Student Readiness

To succeed in an online course, you will need to be a motivated student who has some comfort using computers and accessing the web. You should know how to download and attach files. For more information on distance education, please consult the following website. <http://apps.3cmediasolutions.org/oei/>

You will need to be able to access the web at least three times a week to complete assignments and interact with the instructor and other students.

Because this is a literature class, you should have a desire to grapple with interesting, sophisticated, and demanding texts.

Drop Policies: Please log on to our Canvas site on the first day of the summer session because that is when our class officially begins. Campus policy requires that I take roll and drop students who are not active, so log on during the first day of class, and begin the assignments for our session. <http://academic.cuesta.edu/admrreg/infodate.htm>

Support Services

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: If you are a student with a verified disability—or if you need information about our DSPS program—please contact the DSPS program at 546-3148 (SLO campus) or 591-6215 (North County campus). If you

have a verifiable learning disability, please contact me during the first week of class to discuss strategies for mitigating problems or accessing resources.

The following link also provides information for contacting Cuesta's DSPS.

<http://academic.cuesta.edu/acasupp/dsps/>

To access the course go to: <https://cuesta.instructure.com>