

Please email your confirmation that you intend to take the following class that you are currently registered for. If you do not wish to take the course, remember there are students on a Wait List ready to fill any spots which become available.

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Section #50140 distance education Summer 2017 – Cuesta College

Start date is June 12th and this class ends on July 21st

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Please put “Cuesta 201C” in the subject field when you email me.

Welcome to Online ENGLISH 201C:

English Composition - Critical Thinking

English 201C presents a composition course beyond ENGL 201A which emphasizes critical thinking and reading in order to develop further logical reasoning and analytical and argumentative writing skills. In this particular section, most of our reading, writing, and discussion will revolve around media-related topics such as advertising, food marketing, and energy issues.

Who Should Take an Online Course?

Because this is an online course, you must participate in the discussion at least three times a week to remain in good standing. You must also do the writing assignments in the order they are given, so that you can receive an assessment and suggestions before sending in the next one, which means you can't fall behind in the work. You will also be required to send in written reactions to the readings in timely fashion.

Please be prepared for this participatory type of online course, and know in advance that it is not a correspondence or self-paced course. Students who do not access and participate in the course at least 3 times a week will be dropped on the grounds of excessive absence. Consider carefully your schedule, as well as your family and work obligations; many students think that distance education will somehow be easier than a face-to-face class, only to discover that the workload is different but by no means less time consuming or difficult. For success in this course, be sure you have both the time and the technology to undertake it.

Here is a link to an Online Class Readiness Quiz and to interactive multimedia tutorials designed to assist students with developing the skills required to be successful in an online course: <http://library.cuesta.edu/distance/survey.htm>

Technology Requirements

You must have access to a reliable computer, an email account, and a functioning internet connection. You should also have a backup plan for computer access should your system or your Internet provider fail. We will be using a “blog” style online site once the course gets underway. See the following links for other important information.

Moodle access instructions can be found at this link:

http://library.cuesta.edu/distance/docs/Moodle_for_students_QR.pdf

Students who not log in to this course may be dropped by midnight of the second class day.

Cuesta waitlist procedure and instructions:

<http://academic.cuesta.edu/admreg/waitlist.htm>

The general policy for drops (dates are linked each semester from this page)

<http://academic.cuesta.edu/admreg/infodate.htm>

Cuesta Academic Honesty policy and Student Computer Technology Access Agreement:

http://academic.cuesta.edu/president/2008BP/BP5000/AP%205500_Standards%20of%20Conduct.pdf

COURSE MATERIALS

Required: *Thinking Globally* text course pack by Bruce Henderson (your instructor) which will be available from the Cuesta College bookstore or you can contact me for more information

Other articles and media to be assigned

If you have any questions prior to the first day of class, or at any time during the Summer session, please feel free to email me, putting “Cuesta 201C” in the subject field.