

English 201C, Composition: Critical Thinking

Fall 2017

----October 23rd to December 22nd----

(CRN: 71386)

Welcome potential students! My name is Matthew Fleming, and I look forward to working with you this semester. This course is a major commitment, as a 4-unit course should be; **however**, if you are willing to put in the time and effort, it will also be very interesting, creative, dynamic, and, dare I say... educational.

----*Matthew Fleming*

What you should know

- This course is 9 weeks of condensed and intensive study
- We have no face-to-face meetings
- You must participate in this course on an almost every-other-day basis
- You must write a minimum of 400 words a week in online forums
- You will have homework assignments and readings due once a week.
- You will write a series of essays including drafts and peer reviews on turnitin.com and Canvas
- You will be dropped if you fail to log in for more than 7 days and/or if your postings-to-forum or postings-to-homework percentage falls below 50%.

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Course Description: English 201C, English Composition: Critical Thinking presents an advanced composition course beyond ENGL 201A which emphasizes critical thinking, including reasoning, rhetoric, reading, and information fluency in order to develop argumentative skills for diverse contexts and audiences.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate advanced critical thinking and reasoning skills.
2. Write arguments using advanced rhetorical and composition skills.
3. Demonstrate information fluency.

Required Text: *Writing Logically, Thinking Critically 8th Edition*, by Cooper & Patton (ISBN: 978-0-321-92652-4).

You may purchase this textbook at a variety of websites and bookstores, including Cuesta College's. Please make certain you purchase the 8th addition.

Required Regular and Effective Contact:

This course requires regular and effective contact among all students and the instructor for the full 9 weeks of the course. We will achieve this in a variety of ways:

- ✓ weekly class discussion and homework forums in Canvas,
- ✓ weekly book homework and readings and submissions,
- ✓ interactive online essay work-shopping through turnitin.com and Canvas
- ✓ viewing of short video lectures and content
- ✓ writing of a series of essays using turnitin.com

PLEASE REVIEW THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES BELOW!!!**Disabled Student Services:**

If you have a disability and might need accommodations in this class, please contact me immediately at mfleming@cuesta.edu and DSPS: <http://academic.cuesta.edu/acasupp/dsps/>

Conduct and Drop Policy:

You will be dropped if you fail to log in for more than 7 days and/or if your postings-to-forum or postings-to-homework percentage falls below 50%.

Cuesta Drop Policy: <http://academic.cuesta.edu/admrreg/infodate.htm>

Academic Honesty:

http://academic.cuesta.edu/president/2008BP/BP5000/AP5500_Standards_of_Conduct.pdf

Cuesta Waitlist Procedure:

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

If you have reviewed the above information and have registered for the class, please login no later than Monday, October 23rd, 2016, by 10:00 p.m. (PST).

Canvas Access: <https://auth.cuesta.edu/idp/Authn/UserPassword>

FAQ's about Canvas:

http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/distance/fac_de_resources/canvas_faq.shtml