Dear Student,

Welcome to Intercultural Communication, Communications 256, section 10745, online course. My name is Tammera Stokes Rice, and I will be your instructor. Please read this entire letter, and if you have any further questions, please email me at tammera.rice@canyons.edu. I will do my best to reply to you within 24-48 hours.

This course examines the cultural dimensions of communication. Throughout the semester, the principles, concepts, and theories of culture and communication will be analyzed and evaluated in their application to everyday interaction. This course is a little different than many of you have taken because all of your work is completed virtually though discussion boards, online quizzes, writing assignments and exams. You will NOT be required to meet online at a specific time; however all of your assignments are expected to be completed and “turned-in” by the designated due date.

In order to be successful in this course you must have reliable access to the Internet, a web browser and a word processing program.

If you are enrolled in this course, you need to review the Blackboard Tutorials at COC’s BB Distance Learning Page – http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/DistanceLearning/Pages/Blackboard.aspx

By completing the tutorials, you will have a better understanding of how to login to and navigate within our class website. Blackboard is a course management system supported by COC. I use a Blackboard website to teach the class, so it is imperative that you be familiar with the features of Blackboard.

If after two days of registering for the course you still do not see the Coms 256 link in blackboard, please contact Blackboard Support at www.bbsupport@canyons.edu or 661-362-3344.

NOTE: OUR COURSE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN BLACKBOARD UNTIL SUNDAY EVENING OF THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES.

You must login to our course and complete the first discussion board assignment for Week 1, by midnight on Tuesday, June 10th. If the first week’s assignment is not completed by this day and time, then you will be dropped from the course.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:
ISBN- 9780205912049

If you are already familiar with online courses, then this class will feel comfortable to you. However, if this is your first time taking an online course, then you should be aware that this course runs at a quick pace and relies upon your commitment to do the coursework independently. Ideally, you should be self-reliant, motivated and disciplined in your work ethic. After you have registered for the course, you can download the class syllabus on our Communications 256 blackboard website by Sunday, June 8th.

I look forward to meeting you virtually on Monday, June 9th. Again, if you have questions about this course, I can be reached at tammera.rice@canyons.edu.

Sincerely,

Tammera Stokes Rice
Communication Studies