Dear Student,

Welcome to the hybrid version of BioSci 202, Introduction to Human Physiology. My name is Miriam S. Golbert and I will be your instructor. I am looking forward to meeting you at our MANDATORY MEETING, Tuesday, August 26th, 8:00-8:50AM in BYKH-211 (Section 12630) AND Thursday, August 28th, 8:00-8:50AM in BYKH-211(Section 12631). Lab will follow immediately after the orientation so plan to be there until 11:05AM.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THIS FIRST MEETING YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE COURSE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

BioSci 202 is a “hybrid” class, since you will need to attend weekly laboratory sessions. These are scheduled for TUESDAYS (Section 12630) OR THURSDAYS (Section 12631), 8:00-11:05AM in ALLB-221 OR BYKH-211. Please check syllabus and tentative schedule, textbook, and other important information on my web site: http://www.canyons.edu/users/golbertm/202

The laboratory part is very important; you cannot pass the course without passing the lab portion.

For required textbooks and materials, please visit my web site. We will be using Blackboard access for all the lectures and other material (http://bb9.canyons.edu)

This is not an easy class; it requires your total attention and dedication, if you are not self-motivated and do not have a serious attitude toward learning, do not take this class!

Computer Requirements
You will need to have access to a computer with reliable internet access and a valid E-mail account. If you do not have a computer at home, you can use the computers on campus, either in the library, in the tutorial lab, in the student center in the STCN-building, or since you are a Biology student, our computer lab in BYKH-211.

On-line Coursework
Most of the lecture portion of the course will be completed using a web site called Blackboard which is a publisher maintained site. You should be comfortable and familiar using an internet browser (Netscape or Explorer), sending and receiving e-mail, and with attaching files to an e-mail message. If you are unsure of your skill level for on-line work, please visit
http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/, the main distance learning web site to take a number of self-assessment surveys designed to help you determine your readiness.

For questions about using Blackboard please go to:
http://www.canyons.edu/offices/css/webmaster/web_resources/Blackboard/StudentInfo.asp

Are you Ready for This?
If you are already familiar with on-line courses, this class will feel comfortable. If this is the first time you are taking an on-line course, I would like to point out some differences between the on-line environment and the traditional classroom. Learning on-line requires a certain amount of discipline and self-motivation. There will be a significant amount of work that you need to complete in the assigned time, like end of the chapter quiz, discussion board, or other assignments. You will have an exam approximately every 3 to 4 chapters. Expect to spend about 6 to 12 hours per week completing the reading assignments and laboratory reports. If this sound like more than you can handle without external prompting, perhaps a more traditional class is for you. If you are highly motivated, then this is the class for you.
If you think you need extra help for an on-line class you may consider taking COUNS 070, a 1.0 unit course to help you navigate the process. Go to the link below for more information on this class.
http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/online/COUNS-070.asp

I look forward in meeting you, either Tuesday (12630) or Thursday (12631) in BYKH-211. In the meantime, if you have any questions you can e-mail me at miriam.golbert@canyons.edu or contact me by phone at 661-362-5927. Any other general questions about distance learning at College of the Canyons visit the COC Distance Learning Web Site listed above.

Sincerely

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