Dear Student,

The following information pertains to the online course ENGR 096: Discover Engineering for Fall 2015. The course starts Monday, August 24th and ends on Friday, December 11th.

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Course website: http://bb9.canyons.edu (not accessible until first day of course, Monday, August 24th)

Welcome to Engineering 096. This is a 100% online course. This course will introduce you to the exciting field of engineering and allow you to design and construct your very own engineering projects. I am writing to provide you with important information before we begin the class.

Course Overview. This course will cover the field of engineering in several ways. Through the use of Blackboard, a course management system, lecture topics, articles, essays, video links and weblinks will be provided to introduce new topics on a weekly basis. Homework will be assigned through Blackboard and is expected to be submitted via Blackboard or email. Homework will consist of answering assessment questions from the textbook and through online research. On occasion, you will also have quizzes and exams. These tests and quizzes will also be administered through the Blackboard system.

Getting Started. Please note that it may take 1-2 business days before your Blackboard accounts are created. Your names are not automatically added into Blackboard. Here are some useful links to help you get started using Blackboard:

- http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/BBSupport/Bbtechsupport2.asp. (This link provides useful login information for the student)
- Distance Learning Home Page: http://www.canyons.edu/distancelearning
- Online Learning Readiness assessments: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/Assessments.asp.
- Counseling 070 information: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/COUNS070.asp (This link gives beneficial information to students contemplating online learning for the first time)
Please note that all students will progress through the course together at the same pace. Your success in this class depends on the willingness to dedicate approximately 7 or more hours per week (the amount of time spent on a regular lecture class). To be successful it is necessary to be highly self-motivated.

**Technical Requirements.** All students must have access to a PC based computer. You will need at least a 56K modem, but a cable/DSL, T1 or other high-speed connection is best for the multimedia content (audio, video, animations). Your computer should also have the following:

- **Memory:** 64 MB RAM
- **Monitor resolution:** 1024 x 768 or higher

We will use software programs that you can access or download from the internet. As I noted above, you should have regular access to the Internet. Also, you will need an email account. You are responsible for maintaining an active email account for the whole semester. You are expected to check your email daily. If you change addresses and do not let me and your classmates know, you will not be able to receive important information.

Your email address will be available to your classmates as well as myself. If you are concerned about privacy, then you can establish an email account specifically for this course at one of the many free email service providers (yahoo.com, hotmail.com, etc.). Students are not allowed to share an email address regardless of your relationship with the other student. For example, husbands and wives, mothers and sons or daughters, significant others, etc. must each have their own email address.

**Required Texts:** The following required book is available in the College of the Canyons bookstore:

- Engineering Your Future: A Comp. Intro to Engineering; 8th Edition; Oakes, Leone, & Gunn; Oxford U. Press;

If you prefer to purchase the text online, the ISBN is 9780199348015

**Course Related Questions:** You can email me at david.martinez@canyons.edu. Include “ENGR 096 online” in the subject header. Also include your first and last name in the email. Please allow at most 48 hours for a response. If you do not get a response, please resend the email.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Cheers,
David Martinez