Dear Student,

Welcome to the Fundamentals of Public Speaking, Communications 105 online hybrid course. My name is Tammera, and I will be your instructor. This course is a little different than many of you have taken because most of your work is completed independently through virtual instruction. However, we do meet five times over the course of the semester. Our first meeting will be at the orientation session on Thursday, July 16th. At the orientation, I will review the requirements for this class and discuss ways you can succeed in the course. The orientation, as well as all the next three class meetings, will last the entire duration of class from 7:30am - 12:00pm at the Canyon Country Campus in room 604, and attendance for this session—as with all other meetings—is mandatory. The final date of 8/13 will begin at 9:00am. You will receive a complete syllabus listing all other requirements at the orientation. The dates for the remaining class meetings are 7/23, 7/30, 8/6 & 8/13. Make sure you have reviewed these dates to safeguard against conflicts you may have in your scheduling. Absences, including missed class due to work and vacations, are not allowed.

As I mentioned, this course is a hybrid class. It is unique because much of your work is self driven and the quizzes/chapter assignments are completed online through mycommunicationlab.com and COC's Blackboard course management system. Your speeches are completed face-to-face.


If you purchase the textbook from the COC bookstore, then it will automatically come with a My Communication Lab registration code. It is important that you purchase and have received the registration number to mycommunicationlab.com before our orientation meeting.

If you do not have the minimum system requirements at home, any College of the Canyons computer lab can be used to access the internet.

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. Additionally, I do not recommend this course to those who have particularly high levels of public speaking apprehension. You are far better served taking a course that meets face to face as a means to working through this fear.

I look forward to meeting you at our orientation on Thursday, July 16th. If you have questions about this course, I can be reached at tammera.rice@canyons.edu. I try to answer all questions or concerns during weekdays within 24-48 hours.

Sincerely,
Tammera Stokes Rice
Communication Studies Instructor