Class Description: English 103 provides a workout for your brain! Here is the official catalog description: Examines the principles of critical thinking as applied to writing and reading arguments on complex issues. Focuses on close textual analysis, argumentative writing, and logical reasoning.


Other Course Materials Required: I recommend you load the mobile Canvas App onto your Smartphone, Ipad, or other mobile devices for easy access. Check our Canvas class website for any other logon or app access information needed for the class.

Initial instructions for beginning of class: Step 1: In our Canvas class, fill out and submit the "Welcome 103 Form" which will ask for your preferred mode of access and contact information for our class interactions. Step 2: Read the ORIENTATION material and follow instructions. SYLLABUS, CONTACT INFORMATION and CALENDAR will be posted on the Home Page.

Testing regulations (included proctoring guidelines link): This class has only one proctored exam, the final. Instructions and a proctoring link will be provided on our Canvas site to accommodate for this exam.

Course Management System Information: Learning Management System Information: Previously you might have used Blackboard, a learning management system (LMS), to access your course(s). This course utilizes an LMS called Canvas to complete our course requirements including discussions, grades, and other course activities. Please log into Canvas by visiting http://cv.canyons.edu on the first scheduled date of our course. Login information and helpful guides are provided on the website.

Student Learning Outcomes: SLOs for English 103: 1. Evaluate the strength of written, visual, and multimedia arguments on a range of different issues and controversies. 2. Compose logical, well-reasoned arguments on selected topics such as popular culture, politics, social issues, and moral and ethical issues.
Useful Links: TLC, Library, OER, and TED talks links will be listed in Canvas. You will also have HELP videos available on how to navigate our Canvas classroom. Our welcome video will familiarize you with tips on how to maximize your online learning experience.

Other: Instructor CONTACT: Chere Berman, berman_c@canyons.edu, use subject line 103 ALERT; 818-403-1664, virtual "office hour" will be Friday from 2-4pm or by appointment.

DSPS Information: Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSP&S): If you have a documented disability and wish to receive services including special testing conditions, you must register with DSP&S and inform me of your needs at least 1 week prior to the assignment requiring accommodations. For more information, call (661) 362-3341.