Course Title: Communication Studies
Course Code: COMS 120 (Section 29452)
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Format: Hybrid
Course Length: Short term class (12 weeks)

Introduction
Hello, my name is Matthew McKaig and I look forward to working with you throughout the course 😊

Course Description
This course provides an opportunity to explore the process of groups and decision making through the practical application of theoretical concepts to a variety of group activities and public group discussion. Theories of group decision making and leadership will be explored to analyze group interaction. Preparation for the workplace will be emphasized through critical thinking and problem solving. Strategies for successful group interaction will be discussed.

Course Information
By the end of the course, students will be able to analyze theories of small group communication and evaluate small group communication theories within specific group contexts.

Textbook information

Other relevant course information
Please be sure you can attend all class sessions, as attendance is required 😊

Additional Resources

Canvas
The course can be accessed via Canvas at cv.canyons.edu on the first day of the course. Follow the login instructions at the bottom of the screen to log in. Here, you can also access Canvas user guides with helpful tips for navigating and using Canvas. For any Canvas related issues please call the Canvas Student Support line at (661)362-3344 during college business hours, or (877)889-9052 for 24/7 support.
**Distance Learning**
Check out the [Distance Learning website](http://www.distancelearning.com) for more information on a variety of topics that can help you be a successful online student such as: exam proctoring, learning styles, computer skills, and tips for student success. If this is your first online course, feel free to take our [online learning readiness assessment](http://www.onlinelearningreadiness.com) to assess your skills.

**The Learning Center (TLC)**
The TLC provides FREE tutoring resource to COC students including:  
- Face-to-face & ONLINE tutoring  
- Testing Center: offers test proctoring services for courses that have required proctored exams  
- Study Jam Review Sessions  
- Computers with over 300 software programs  
For more information visit the [TLC Website](http://www.tlcwebsite.com).

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**Online Counseling**
The Counseling Department offers appointments online. You can schedule an appointment by visiting the [Online Counseling website](http://www.onlineservices.com). Counselors can help you map out a plan to reach your educational goals as well as advise you on course selection and registration.