COMS 256

Dear Student,

Welcome to COMS 256 Online *Intercultural Communication*. My name is GiGi Hessamian, and I am the instructor as well as the site moderator for this course.

Allow me to answer a few basic questions…

1] **Where is the course homepage and website?**
This course utilizes a learning management system called Canvas. Our Canvas site is located at [https://coc.instructure.com](https://coc.instructure.com) (If you need an intro or a refresher on Canvas, please visit the Canvas student guides).

2] **How do I log in to Canvas?**
Your login is the first part of your mycanons account, and your default password is “student.” Once you log in to Canvas, you can change your password. If, within two days of registering for the course, you still do not see the COMS 256 link in Canvas, please contact Tech Support at 661-362-3344.

3] **What is the required textbook?**
*Intercultural Competence, 7th* ed. by M. Lustig & J. Koester (Pearson). This text is available at the COC bookstore and various online sources such as Amazon.com. You only need to get the textbook. No additional workbooks or add-ons are required.

4] **How do I contact the instructor?**
All personal communication and questions should be submitted to the email address: coms260online@yahoo.com

5] **Can I look at the syllabus?**
Not yet. The syllabus, course schedule, and assignments will be available to view on Canvas the first day of the course.

6] **Is there an orientation meeting?**
No. The class begins, continues, and ends online - we will not have any classroom meetings.

I hope this information is a helpful starting point!

Sincerely,

GiGi Hessamian