Course Title: (English Composition)
Course Code: (ENGL 101)
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Format: Online
Course Length: 16 week

Introduction
I am Kathy Powell, an English instructor here at COC. In addition to teaching English classes, I work in COC’s Learning Center on the Canyon Country Campus and can be found there a couple times a week. I am a great promoter of TLC, and I recommend using it if you are on either campus as well as taking advantage of the online services TLC provides for our class.

Course Description
Welcome to English 101! This course builds critical reading and expository writing skills through the analysis and evaluation of college-level, non-fiction readings and the composition of well-organized, full-length essays containing properly documented evidence.

Course Information
By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze and critically evaluate college-level, non-fiction texts for argument, structure, and rhetorical strategies.
2. Compose persuasive, well-organized, grammatically correct full-length essays, synthesizing properly documented and relevant research and other evidence to develop and support a unified thesis.

This course is 100% online. There will be no onground meetings.

Textbook information
Non-fiction technology reading group text: purchase this book after Canvas sign-up.
Various articles that you will need to access from Canvas.
Other relevant course information

Time Commitment:

This course requires as much of a time commitment as any on ground English 101 class. You should expect to log on at least three times a week to complete assignments. Expect to spend 8-10 hours on this class per week for each of the 16 weeks. If you are not able to commit this time to the course, this course is not for you.

This is not a class where you can work far ahead. You will be required to log in at least three times a week and complete the course work at an appropriate pace. However, you can log in at any time to complete work for the course as long as you meet the deadlines for assignments; no late work is accepted.

Advantages of and Misconceptions about Online Learning:

Online learning can be an incredibly rewarding and exciting adventure. It provides flexibility and an educational opportunity for students who might not otherwise be able to take advantage of a college curriculum; however, you should be aware that self-discipline, self-motivation, and attention to detail are required to complete the course successfully in this format. Students must be committed to meeting deadlines for reading and homework assignments in addition to participating in the virtual classroom for a minimum of three hours per week (online time). Some students are under the impression that online courses are “easier” than on-ground courses. This is not the case. Students who take the online version of English 101 believing that it will be easier than the on-ground version will be surprised by the volume of written work and the amount of reading required. If you are ready for the challenge, this online course will allow you to build critical reading and expository writing skills without being in a traditional classroom.

If you have any questions before the beginning of the course, please feel free to contact me at kathleen.powell@canyons.edu

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 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 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.

Disabled Students Program & Services (DSPS)
College of the Canyons DSPS provides educational services and access for eligible students with documented disabilities who intend to pursue coursework at COC. A variety of programs and services are available which afford eligible students with disabilities the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of the college programs and activities through appropriate and reasonable accommodations. For more information on their services visit the Disabled Students Program & Services website.

Online Counseling
The Counseling Department offers appointments online. You can schedule an appointment by visiting the Online Counseling website. Counselors can help you map out a plan to reach your educational goals as well as advise you on course selection and registration.