

Greetings!

You are receiving this email because you are registered in Sierra College's English 1C class for Fall 2014. My name is Shannon Mendez, and I look forward to being your instructor.

This sixteen-week course is fully online and begins Monday, August 25th and ends Friday, December 12th, 2014.

Getting Started

The following information will help you get started with the course.

Syllabus

Begin by reading the Syllabus so that you can learn everything involved with taking this online course: [link to Syllabus on my website].

Online Readiness Quiz

Also take the following "quiz" to make sure you're ready for taking a fully online course. Go to the following website: [Online Readiness Quiz](#).

Learning Management System

You will use the Canvas Learning Management System to take the course. I will open the course a few days earlier so that you can become familiar with using Canvas before the class officially begins. Feel free to look around the website--don't worry; you can't break anything.

To access Canvas, go to: <https://sierra.instructure.com>. If you have trouble logging in, click the Help button at the bottom of the Canvas Login page.

After you login, you'll see the home page that provides access to everything you'll need for the course. Click the "Week One" link to get started.

Important Notice

All students are expected to login by the end of Monday the 25th and get started on the Week One content. The first assignment deadline is Wednesday, August 27th. Students who do not meet the first deadline will be considered "no shows" and dropped from the class to allow for Wait List students to be added.

Time Expectations

You should plan to spend nine hours of coursework each week. (The formula for college courses is two hours of outside assignments per every lecture hour).

Outside assignments for this course typically include research, reading, and writing. Lecture hours typically include written or video lectures, other websites, discussions, exercises (individual and collaborative), and writing projects.

You will have two deadlines to meet each week: some activities will be due on Wednesdays and some on Fridays.

Course Text

You will need the following textbook by the end of Week One:

The Aims of Argument: Text and Reader (7th ed) by Timothy Crusius and Carolyn Channell.
ISBN-13: 978-0077343798

Accommodations

If you need accommodations for this class due to a health problem, a learning disability, or a physical need of some kind, contact the Disabled Students' Programs and Services Department to discuss your needs and obtain documentation for me. Go to the following website for more information: [DSPS Department](#).

Questions?

If you have questions about the course, post them on the General Course Questions forum of the Discussion Board. If you have a private matter to discuss with me, or a question before the course begins, send an email to

smendez3@sierracollege.edu (my preferred method of contact)

I look forward to working with you!

Shannon Mendez