

# Welcome to English 201C, English Composition: Critical Thinking Summer 2018

**CRN: 50140**

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**Distance Education Course:** We have no face-to-face meetings, only virtual.

**Summer 2018, Course Start and End Dates:** June 17<sup>th</sup>-July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please login to Canvas on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> and begin working in the class. If you have not logged in by June 19<sup>th</sup> by 10:00 a.m., you will be dropped from the course.

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**Welcome** potential students! My name is Matthew Fleming, and I look forward to working with you this semester. This course is a major commitment, as a 4-unit course should be; **however**, if you are willing to put in the time and effort, it will also be very interesting, creative, dynamic, and, dare I say. . . educational.

## **What you should know**

- This course is 6 short weeks of intensive study
- We have no face-to-face meetings
- You must participate in this course on an almost every-other-day basis
- You must write a minimum of 600 words a week in online forums
- You will have homework assignments and readings due every Monday.
- You will write a series of essays including drafts and peer reviews
- You will be dropped if you fail to log in for more than 7 days and/or if your postings-to-forum or postings-to-homework percentage falls below 50%.

## ***Required Text:***

No Required Text!

## **Required Regular and Effective Contact:**

This course requires regular and effective contact among all students and the instructor for the full 18 weeks of the course. We will achieve this in a variety of ways:

- throughout the week postings in discussion and homework forums in Canvas
- weekly book homework readings and submissions,
- interactive online essay work-shopping through Canvas forums
- viewing of short video lectures and content
- writing of a series of essays using turnitin.com

**Course Learning Management System (LMS):** Canvas

We will be using the Learning Management System (Canvas), so please feel free to ask questions, look up youtube videos on how Canvas works, and contact our support desk when needing help: Send an email to [support@my.cuesta.edu](mailto:support@my.cuesta.edu)

- Include your name, class, section number (CRN), instructor's name.
- Describe the problem you are experiencing.

**Course Description:**

English 201C, English Composition: Critical Thinking presents an advanced composition course beyond ENGL 201A which emphasizes critical thinking, including reasoning, rhetoric, reading, and information fluency in order to develop argumentative skills for diverse contexts and audiences.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Demonstrate advanced critical thinking and reasoning skills.
2. Write arguments using advanced rhetorical and composition skills .
3. Demonstrate information fluency.

**PLEASE REVIEW THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES BELOW!!!**

**Canvas Browser requirements/minimum computer specifications:**

[https://www.cuesta.edu/academics/distance/faqs\\_technical.html](https://www.cuesta.edu/academics/distance/faqs_technical.html)

**Academic Policies (add, drop, waitlist, academic honesty, etc.):**

<https://www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/admrreg/arpolicies/index.html>

**Distance Education Support:**

[https://www.cuesta.edu/academics/distance/technical\\_support.html](https://www.cuesta.edu/academics/distance/technical_support.html)

**Disabled Student Services Program:**

If you have a disability and might need accommodations (support services) in this class, please contact Disabled Student Program & Services in Building 3300 as soon as possible to ensure that you receive the accommodations in a timely manner.

<https://www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/dsps/index.html>