

College of the Siskiyous
English 1C: Advanced Critical Thinking and Writing
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CRN: 5110

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Since I am online many hours each day, I am available most of the time. Contact via Private Message on the class site.

Required Textbooks and Materials

- Maasik & Solomon *Signs of Life in the USA 5th ed.*
- Browne & Keeley *Asking the Right Questions 8th ed.*
- A good college dictionary

You must buy books before the class starts since reading and work will be assigned the day of class.

This class uses the ETUDES-NG system. If you are unfamiliar with ETUDES-NG, I recommend you work through the free online orientation to the system. If you go the [College of the Siskiyous Etudes - Student Help](#) webpage, you will find links to several ETUDES-NG demonstrations. ETUDES-NG is different than ETUDES-Classic. Even if you have used ETUDES-Classic, I strongly recommend you watch all the ETUDES-NG demos.

If you are a disabled student and need special accommodations, please let me know.

Also, please contact the Disabled Students Resource Center

<http://www.siskiyous.edu/dsps/>

If this is your first online class, I suggest you read over this helpful COS webpage:

[Online Survival Guide](#)

Technology Required

The following software are minimum specifications to work with the ETUDES-NG application:
Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP, or Vista; MacOS 9 or MacOSX.

Hardware: 64 MB of Ram, 1G of free space

Software: Preferred Microsoft Word

Browser: Students must have access to Internet Explorer 7.0 or higher, which can be downloaded free via Microsoft. Java and cookies must be enabled.

Modem: 56 K, but DSL or cable modem prefer.

If this is your first online course, I want to dispel first thing any notion you might have that this class will be easier than if you took an on-campus course. You will be earning the same number of units as an on-campus course and therefore be required to complete the same amount of work. Specifically, this class will require from 10-15 hours or more of your time each week, including the reading, writing and online activities required. If you are not prepared to spend the proper amount of time on the course, you might want to rethink taking this course, especially a summer course. I am not trying to scare you away, but I want to prepare you for what lies ahead. You will need to be very disciplined and keep up on the work because the modules will become available at 8:00 AM Monday mornings and close at 11:00 PM Sunday night. If you get behind, you will be in trouble.

If you struggle with your writing, a summer class might be too demanding. I want everyone who is interested in the class to succeed, but you need to know that there is a formal essay due almost every week along with readings, discussion board postings, and other assignments related to the work in this class.

Course Description

English 1C is a rigorous, transfer-level course designed to provide advanced composition and critical thinking instruction beyond the English 1A level. This course will focus on instruction in close reading and continue application of the elements of logic in composition with an emphasis on critical thinking in argumentation. This course will also focus on the analysis of the writing process and principles in rhetoric.

To ensure success in this course, you must plan log on to our class at least 5-6 days a week, be fully prepared with reading and homework complete, participate fully. Contact me as soon as you have a question or problem.

In order to be successful participants in this course, and in college in general, I believe that high standards for work, self-discipline, and responsibility for your own education are essential.