Course Expectations Letter

Subject: English 201

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Catalog Course Description:

This advanced composition course is open to all students who have successfully completed English 101 and is designed for those who expect to transfer to four-year colleges or universities. Students will read and write extensively, while applying critical thinking skills and research techniques. Students will demonstrate these abilities in advanced composition as they research and write a series of argumentative essays, which demonstrate the ability to analyze issues, to evaluate positions, and to argue persuasively through clear, concise prose. 27 hours of lab work and 4 conferences per semester (LR 124) are required for satisfactory completion of the course.

Student Learning Outcomes:

After gathering and evaluating research from a wide variety of credible sources, students will be able to write a logical, persuasive research paper and document sources using the designated citation format.

By logging into Blackboard you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in BP 5500 (Standards of Conduct) and AP 5520 (Student Conduct Procedures) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is NOT a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

- Assigned Discussion Board forum throughout the semester
- Regular/weekly email announcements
- Weekly modules/Schedule of work
- Regular course messages/email access throughout the semester
- Discussion Board topics relating to the writing assignments
- Additional guidelines available for assignments
- Feedback with graded assignments
- Whenever necessary, follow up and extra encouragement for any student who fails to submit required work or who does not participate actively in the course/discussion board assignments
The instructor may drop you for non-participation.

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Blackboard.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Virtual College website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientations can be found at: http://www.riohondo.edu/vc-orientation/

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the Disabled Students & Programs office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.