



El Camino College Distance Education Course Information

Course Title: 1C Critical Thinking

Section: 4622

Orientation Meeting on Campus: None

Contact the Instructor at: jschenk@elcamino.edu for login information after registration

INSTRUCTOR: Prof. Joyce Schenk

EMAIL: jschenk@elcamino.edu

TELEPHONE: 310-532-3670

OFFICE HOURS: (Online) 7 days a week

REQUIRED COURSE INFORMATION

English 1C – Critical Thinking Online

This course focuses on the development of critical thinking skills and on the application of these skills to written argumentation. Students will examine logical reasoning and apply its principles to current events, visuals, advertising, political cartoons and their views on current issues. Major modules Include: Inference, Inductive and Deductive Reasoning, Logical Fallacies and Argumentation.

Required Book:

- Cooper, Sheila and Rosemary Patton. **Writing Logically, Thinking Critically**. 5th edition. Pearson Longman, 2007 **ISBN: 0-321-41431-4**. Available in El Camino Bookstore.

Computer Information

This course utilizes the **Blackboard Course Management System**. **When you are registered at El Camino, you need to contact the instructor, jschenk@elcamino.edu for login information.**

Withdrawals

If you wish to withdraw from any course at El Camino, it is **your** responsibility to do so. This is especially important in a distance education class. Do not assume that an instructor will drop you if you simply stop participating in the class. Check the Class Schedule for withdrawal dates. According to college policy, any student still enrolled in a class after the official withdrawal date must receive a letter grade. However, if you do not participate for three weeks, the instructor **may** drop you. If you have any special problem, please email the instructor to help.

Special Needs

If you feel you may need an accommodation based on the impact of a documented disability, contact the instructor to discuss your specific needs. You may also need to contact the Special Resource Center (SIRS) on campus at 310-660-3296 to coordinate reasonable adaptation.

Course Requirements

- Students will be expected to read all material assigned.
- Students will be expected to log into the Discussion Board and engage in discussions and activities on a regular basis. Interaction with each other is an important part of this course.
- The quality of postings will be rewarded, so please avoid such responses as "great" or "I agree." What I look for is **why you agree** with a student post which will reflect that you have thought about the subject of the discussion.
- Students will submit five written essays completed at home.
- Students will complete a number of quizzes on the assigned readings.

All due dates will be listed on the **Assignment Page** and the **Discussion Board**.

The course is organized into **Weekly Modules** running from **Monday to Sunday Midnight, except for Essay due dates**. If possible, try to post all assignments to the Discussion Board by **Saturday midnight**, so students can fulfill their assigned responses by **Sunday midnight**.

Readings All textbook readings are in the Cooper Patton textbook which will review and develop concepts covered in the module..