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Student Learning Outcomes & Assessments

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

SLO	Learning Outcome Description	Outcome Assessment Definition
Α	Describe the basic differences between online courses and traditional face-to-face	This will be assessed by a paper,
_ ^	courses.	scored with a rubric.
	Demonstrate knowledge of the process of taking an online course.	This will be assessed and scored by
В		an exam. (Use for multiple choice,
		matching, and T/F exams.)
С	Demonstrate the ability to use web pages, email, discussion groups, and submit a	This will be assessed by a
	written assignment in online classes.	performance, scored with a rubric.
D	Evaluate readiness for taking online classes.	This will be assessed and scored by
		a pre- and post-test.
	Identify the general equipment needs for taking online courses.	This will be assessed and scored by
E		an exam. (Use for multiple choice,
		matching, and T/F exams.)
F	Demonstrate ability to work in and navigate the Cerro Coso course environment.	This will be assessed by a
		performance, scored with a rubric.

Detailed Topical Outline

- A. Basic differences between online courses and traditional face-to-face courses(A,B,E)
 - a. Benefits of online courses
 - b. Drawbacks and challenges of online courses
 - c. Self-motivation needs for online courses
 - d. Evaluating whether online is a good option for you
- B. The process of taking an online course (A,B,C,E)
 - a. How to connect to the Internet
 - b. How to access the online class site
- C. Using web pages, email, and discussion groups in online classes (A-F)
 - a. Using hyperlinks
 - b. Sending and receiving email
 - c. Sending attachments in email
 - d. Reading, posting, and replying to discussion postings
- D. Understand the concepts of "Netiquette" and communication in an online environment (A,B,D)
 - a. Basics of "netiquette"
 - b. Using Emoticons
 - c. The do's and don'ts of online communication
- E. Equipment needs of online courses (A,B,C,E)
 - a. Hardware needs for taking online courses
 - b. Software needs for taking online courses
- F. Experience the Cerro Coso Online model of delivering online courses (A,B,E,F)
 - a. The Cerro Coso Moodle course environment
 - b. Common Cerro Coso Online course components
 - c. Resources available to Cerro Coso online students

Lab Content Description (if applicable)

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Methods of Presentation

Course instructional methods may include but are not limited to:

- A. Lecture on course material
- B. Class Discussion
- C. Structured exercises and journal assignments

Assignments & Methods of Evaluation

Assessment of student performance may include but is not limited to:

- A. Short papers and journal entries (A, D,E)
 - Example: Students will watch the **How to be a Successful Online Student** DVD and write a short paper comparing the basic differences between taking an online class and a traditional face-to-face class.
- B. Quizzes and Examinations (A,B,D,E)
 - Example: Students will take both of the Student Preparedness Quizzes (Student Skills and Technical Skills) at the beginning of the class and again at the end of the class to evaluate preparedness for taking online classes before and after the exposure to the course.
- C. Skill Performance (B,C,F)
 - Example: Students will be required to upload a writing assignment to course and will be required to send an email with an attachment.
- D. Discussions (A-F)

Out of Class Assignments

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Discussions
- C. Short Papers

Required Texts

- A. Johnstone, S.M. & Connick, G.P. (2005). The *Distance Learner's Guide*. 2nd ed. Columbus, OH: Merrill Prentice.
- B. Gilbert, S. D. (2001). How to Be a Successful Online Student. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.

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Standard College IT infrastructure		х	
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Computer with internet connection, CD, DVD, audio playback, and printer.		х	
For each identified method of delivery, identify software needed by the student to complete the course successfully.			
Software capable of playing audio and video from CD and DVD, word processing program		х	

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CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PDEV C052 – Becoming a Successful Online Student SPRING SEMESTER 2009

Course Name and CRN: PDEV C052 (30381) Online

Instructor: Karee Hamilton Starts: Jan. 19/Ends: Feb. 6

Contact Information: email kobar@cerrocoso.edu

office (760) 384-6223

Instructor available by appointment; call the counseling center at (760) 384-6219. Textbook: Johnstone, S.M. and Connick, G.P. (2005). *The Distance Learner's Guide.* 2nd edition, Merrill Prentice Hall: Columbus.

Drop Dates:

Census Date: January 26th 30% Date: January 29th 60% Date: February 5th

<u>Course Goals and Objectives</u>: This course covers the basics of taking an interactive, asynchronous, distance education course via the Internet or other computer based system. Use of E-mail, online class interactions such as discussion groups, and WWW access, equipment needs and differences between on-line and onsite courses will be covered. The goal of this class is to better prepare students for taking online classes by familiarizing students with the online course environment.

Disability Accommodation

The college will make reasonable accommodations and/or academic adjustments to ensure that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in the college's courses. Students with disabilities, who are requesting academic accommodations, auxiliary aides or services, should contact Special Services at 760-384-6250

WEEK	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENTS
Week 1 (Jan. 20-25th)	Welcome Learn about Moodle Is Online Education Right for you?	*Read Chap. 1, 2, & 3 *Read Moodle Student Guide *Student Skill Quiz (Due on or before 1/22/09) *Post to Discussion Forum *Journal (Due on or before 1/25/09) *Quiz on Chap. 1, 2, & 3 (Due on or before 1/25/09)
Week 2 (Jan.26 th -Feb.1 st)	What Online Resources are Available to you? Understand you Needs as an Online student	*Read Chap. 4, 5, & 6 *Quiz on Chap. 4, 5, & 6 (Due on or before 2/1/09) *Upload Assignment (Due on or before 2/1/09) * Email Attachment Assignment (Due on or before 2/1/09) *Post and respond to 2

classmates in the Discussion Forum throughout the week *Journal (Due on or before 2/1/09)

Putting it all Together Week 3

(Feb. 2-8th)

*Cumulative Paper (Due on or before 2/8/09) *Post and respond to 2 classmates in the Discussion

Forum throughout the week *Journal (Due on or before

2/8/09)

Instructor reserves the right to adjust the syllabus to meet the needs of the class!

GRADING

For full credit, assignments must be turned in on time!

2 Quizzes 10 points (5 points each) 15 points (5 points each) 3 Discussions 3 Journal Entries 15 points (5 points each)

Assignments:

Skills Quiz 5 points 10 points Scavenger Hunt Upload an assignment 10 points Email/attachment assignment 10 points **Cumulative Paper** 25 points

100 points Total points possible

GRADING (measured by total number of points earned)

90 and above = A = B80 to 89 = C70 to 79 60 to 69 = D59 and below = F

PDEV C052 - CRN 30392 SPRING SEMESTER 2010-Online

Course Name: PDEV C052 / CRN: 30392 Starts: January 12th / Ends: January 30th

Instructor: Karee Hamilton Office Phone: 760-384-6223

Email address: khamilton@cerrocoso.edu

If you need to contact me, the instructor, please feel free to send an email at anytime. When submitting an email CRN must always be noted in the subject line. For this class the CRN is 30392. Including it in the subject line will ensure that it gets delivered to the correct webmail folder. If you do not indicate this information in the subject line, I may not receive the email. I will also have online office hours through the class, the hours will be published on the class site. You can also contact me through the Cerro Coso Counseling Center, the phone number for the Counseling Center is 760-384-6219 or my office phone listed above.

<u>Course Goals and Objectives:</u> This course is designed to prepare students for success in college or a career through personal assessments, building effective study skills, and discovering and utilizing resources. Some skills covered are time management, effective reading, note taking, test taking, and using financial and research resources. Students learn through group discussions, text and lecture readings, debates, research, quizzes and a project. The final will be a cumulative project. Grades are a percentage - total points divided by points possible. Points are based on difficulty and degree of participation. Level 1 reading/writing recommended.

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CLASS INFORMATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:

Below is a listing of the topics we will study and review in class as well as a general list of your assignments. There is no textbook required for this class, but you will see readings assigned, and you will be able to link to the readings through the class website. Also noted below is a more detailed listing of the class grading policies and assignments by week. In addition to an overall posting of the weekly assignments at the start of the week on the class page, assignments will also be posted on a daily basis, to give you a sense of how you might want to approach the work each week. You can choose to do them on a daily basis, or all at one time – that will be up to you!

It is highly recommended that you log in to the class site everyday to review the assignments. All assignments (unless otherwise noted) will be due not later than the Sunday of each week before midnight Pacific Standard Time (PST).

WEEK 1 TOPIC

Welcome to PDEV C052
Starting your Online Education
What Is Online Education/Is It Right for You?
Class Management – What is Moodle?
What Online Resources are Available to You?
What is Required of You in an Online Class?

WEEK 2 TOPICS

How to Communicate in the Online Classroom Understand Your Needs as an Online Student Plagiarism and Cheating Working in a Group

WEEK 3 TOPICS

Getting to Know CCOnline (Cerro Coso Online) Putting it all together

WEEKLY ASIGNMENTS

4 Quizzes	20 points (5 points each)
3 Discussions/Chats	15 points (5 points each)
3 Journal Entries	15 points (5 points each)

Additional Assignments:

Week 1: Initial Class Login/Change your Profile	5 points
Week 1: Copy and Paste Email Assignment	5 points
Week 1: Student and Technical Skills Quizzes	4 points
Week 1: Is Online Education Right for Me Survey	1 point
Week 2: Upload an Assignment	5 points
Week 2: Group Chat Room Assignment	5 points
Week 2: Email/Attachment Assignment	5 points
Week 3: Scavenger Hunt	10 points
Week 3: Cumulative Paper Assignment	10 points

Total Points Possible: 100 POINTS

GRADING -- Pass (P)/No Pass (NP) class; measured by total number of points earned for your final grade:

70 and above = Pass (P) 69 and below = No Pass (NP)

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CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PDEV C052 – Becoming a Successful Online Student SUMMER SEMESTER 2009

Course Name and CRN: PDEV C052 (50168) Online

Instructor: Karee Hamilton Starts: May 26/Ends: June 19

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Instructor available by appointment; call the counseling center at (760) 384-6219. Textbook: Johnstone, S.M. and Connick, G.P. (2005). *The Distance Learner's Guide.* 2nd edition, Merrill Prentice Hall: Columbus.

Drop Dates:

Census Date: June 2nd 30% Date: June 3rd 60% Date: June 12th

<u>Course Goals and Objectives</u>: This course covers the basics of taking an interactive, asynchronous, distance education course via the Internet or other computer based system. Use of E-mail, online class interactions such as discussion groups, and WWW access, equipment needs and differences between on-line and onsite courses will be covered. The goal of this class is to better prepare students for taking online classes by familiarizing students with the online course environment.

Disability Accommodation

The college will make reasonable accommodations and/or academic adjustments to ensure that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in the college's courses. Students with disabilities, who are requesting academic accommodations, auxiliary aides or services, should contact Special Services at 760-384-6250

WEEK	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENTS
Week 1 (May 26 th -31 st)	Welcome Learn about Moodle Is Online Education Right for you?	*Read Chap. 1 & 2 *Read Moodle Student Guide *Student Skill Quiz *Post to Discussion Forum *Journal *Quiz on Chap. 1 & 2
Week 2 (June 1 st - 7 th)	What Online Resources are Available to you?	*Read Chap. 3 & 4 *Quiz on Chap. 3 & 4 *Upload Assignment *Post and respond to 2 classmates in the Discussion Forum throughout the week *Journal
Week 3 (June 8 th -14 th)	Understand you Needs as an Online student	*Read Chap. 5 & 6 *Quiz on Chap. 5 & 6

*Post and respond to 2 classmates in the Discussion Forum throughout the week * Email Attachment Assignment

*Journal

Week 4 Putting it all together

(June 15th-21st)

*Cumulative Paper (Due on or before May 21st) *Post and respond to 2 classmates in the Discussion Forum throughout the week

*Journal

Extra Credit Learn more about social networks via the web (such as Blogging and Twitter). I will explain the extra credit assignment in more detail during Week 4. Once the extra credit assignment is explained, it will be due on or before May 21st.

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GRADING

For full credit, assignments must be turned in on time!

3 Quizzes	15 points (5 points each)
4 Discussions	20 points (5 points each)
4 Journal Entries	20 points (5 points each)

Assignments:

Skills Quizzes 5 points
Scavenger Hunt 10 points
Upload an assignment 5 points
Email/attachment assignment 5 points
Cumulative Paper 20 points

Total points possible 100 points

Extra Credit 5 points

GRADING – this is a Pass (P) / No Pass (NP) class; measured by total number of points earned):

90 and above = A Pass (P) 80 to 89 = B Pass (P) 70 to 79 = C Pass (P) 60 to 69 = D No Pass (NP) 59 and below = F No Pass (NP)

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Course Name: PDEV C052

 CRN:
 50163

 Starts:
 June 4

 Ends:
 June 22

Instructor: Jamie Flatebo

Email address: jamie.flatebo@cerrocoso.edu

If you need to contact me, the instructor, please feel free to send an email at anytime. When submitting an email, the CRN must always be noted in the subject line. Including it in the subject line will ensure that it gets delivered to the correct webmail folder. If you do not indicate this information in the subject line, I may not receive the email. I will also have online office hours through the class; the hours will be published on the class site.

Course Goals and Objectives:

This course is designed to prepare students for success in college or a career through personal assessments, building effective study skills, and discovering and utilizing resources. Some skills covered are time management, effective reading, note taking, test taking, and using research resources. Students learn through group discussions, text and lecture readings, debates, web pages, email, research, quizzes, and a project. Students will demonstrate the ability to work in and navigate the Cerro Coso online course environment. The final will be a cumulative project. Grades are a percentage - total points divided by points possible. Points are based on difficulty and degree of participation. Level 1 reading/writing recommended.

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Class Information and Assignments:

Below is a listing of the topics we will study and review in class as well as a general list of your assignments. There is no textbook required for this class, but you will see readings assigned, and you will be able to link to the readings through the class website. Also noted below is a more detailed listing of the class grading policies and assignments by week. In addition to an overall posting of the weekly assignments at the start of the week on the class page, assignments will also be posted on a daily basis, to give you a sense of how you might want to approach the work each week. You can choose to do them on a daily basis, or all at one time – that will be up to you!

It is highly recommended that you log in to the class site everyday to review the assignments. All assignments (unless otherwise noted) will be due no later than the Sunday of each week before midnight Pacific Standard Time (PST).

Week 1 Topics

Welcome to PDEV C052 Starting your Online Education What Is Online Education/Is It Right for You? Class Management – What is Moodle? What Online Resources are Available to You? What is Required of You in an Online Class?

Week 2 Topics

Understand Your Needs as an Online Student Plagiarism and Cheating Getting to Know CCOnline (Cerro Coso Online)

Week 3 Topics

How to Communicate in the Online Classroom? Putting it all together Working in a Group

Grading:

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Weekly Assignments			
3 Quizzes (5 Points Each)		15 Points	
2 Discussion	10 Points		
3 Journal En	3 Journal Entries (5 Points Each)		
Additional A	Assignments		
Week 1	Initial Class Login/Change your Profile	5 Points	
Week 1	Copy and Paste Email Assignment	5 Points	
Week 1	Student and Technical Skills Quizzes	5 Points	
Week 1	Is Online Education Right for Me Survey	5 Points	
Week 2	Scavenger Hunt Upload Assignment	10 Points	
Week 2	Writing Assignment	10 Points	
Week 2	Email Assignment-Time Management	5 points	
Week 3	Group Collaboration Assignment Group Discussion (5 Points) Group Chat (5 Points) Upload Group Assignment (5 Points)	15 Points	
Total Points	100 Points		

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