



ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION

Fall 2019 Semester

COURSE: CIS 130 L1

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Introduction to Computer Information Systems

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There are many benefits of online courses at MCCC:

- Less restrictive scheduling
- Convenience
- Intensive self-study
- Course materials are accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Some students struggle in an online format while other students excel. Students who excel in an online format are:

- Highly self-motivated
- Have strong computer skills
- Possess good time management skills
- Know how to study independently
- Possess good communication skills

Online classes at MCCC are **NOT self-paced**. Instruction is delivered in an entirely web-based format. Students must complete exams, assignments, etc. by specified due dates. Some exams and assignments may be required to be completed at an authorized location as established by the instructor.

When taking an online class students are responsible for:

- A reliable computer with Internet access and Microsoft Word; course specific software will be described below
- Knowing how to email attachments
- Maintaining his or her own computer and Internet connection; technical issues are NOT acceptable excuses for not keeping up with due dates
- Having access to a printer if needed for personal use of online materials

It is the student's responsibility to log into Brightspace multiple times each week to keep up with communication, assignments and other coursework.

Brightspace

Online courses use Brightspace course management system as the means of communication between the students and the instructor.

It is the student's responsibility to be able to log into Brightspace and maintain his or her computer setup to work properly with Brightspace.

The Brightspace Login can be found on the College's webpage, www.monroeccc.edu.

Brightspace courses are made available to students on the day the course begins.

Please see the Start Date below.

MCCC Student Email

It is essential that online students use their MCCC student email account. This will be the primary means of email communication between you and your instructor. For more information about activating your MCCC student email account, visit the college's webpage at www.monroeccc.edu.

NEED HELP?

BRIGHTSPACE HELP DESK: 734.384.4328
or elarning@monroeccc.edu

COLLEGE EMAIL: 734-384-4328

WEBPAL: 734-384-4333

<p>COURSE DESCRIPTION</p>	<p>This course provides students with basic knowledge of computer information systems. This course includes both computer concepts and hands-on use of various computer applications. Computer concepts include computer system basics of hardware, software, files and data storage. The hands-on portion consists of using the operating system, spreadsheets, word processing, databases, presentation software, e-mail and the Internet.</p> <p>The complete Outline of Instruction can be found at http://www.monroecc.edu/outlines/.</p>
<p>COURSE BEGINS</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 28, 2019</p>
<p>COURSE ENDS</p>	<p>Monday, December 16, 2019</p>
<p>REGISTRATION PROCESS</p>	<p>Students must register for the course through the College's regular registration process.</p> <p>If you are a first-time online student at MCCC you must complete an online orientation course (ONL-001). You will be automatically enrolled into the online orientation course, which will provide you with critical information on the technical, study, reading and writing skills necessary to be a successful online student. This course will be listed in your MyCourses module in Brightspace and there will be 4 modules to complete. Please note that all four modules will NOT be visible when you first login, but will become visible once you complete the requirements for each module. Please complete FL2019-ONL-001-L1 by August 23, 2019. Failure to complete the online orientation by the above date may result in de-registration from your Fall 2019 online course.</p>
<p>PROCTORED EXAMS OR ASSIGNMENTS</p>	<p>None, all coursework is completed online.</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: PROCTORED EXAMS OR ASSIGNMENTS</p>	<p>Some online classes require students to take exams at authorized, proctored locations. Test proctoring centers are authorized testing locations where a staff person administers a test or assignment. If students are not able to arrange transportation to MCCC's main campus for testing, a proctored test site must be arranged. Students near the MCCC campus can take the test in the Regional Computer Technology Center (RCTC). Additional information on the RCTC can be found at http://www.monroecc.edu/rctc/index.htm. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for proctoring with his or her instructor. Students should also be aware that some testing sites have service fees, which are the responsibility of the student.</p>
<p>COURSE MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOK INFORMATION</p>	<p>Textbook information can be found on the MCCC Bookstore's webpage, http://www.monroecc.edu/bookstore/. Textbook information is posted approximately one month prior to the beginning of the semester. IMPORTANT: Make sure when identifying which course you are enrolled</p>

in, you get the materials for the ONLINE version of the course. Online course materials are not necessarily the same materials for the face-to-face class.

Please contact the MCCC Bookstore for additional information, 734.384.4140.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

In addition to the CIS 130 prerequisites, there are additional pre-skill expectations for students taking this class online. It is expected students enrolled in this section of CIS 130 know how to: (1) use their my.monroeccc.edu email account, (2) send email with attachments, (3) open email attachments, (4) compress/zip files and/or folders, (5) download and extract files from zipped folders, (6) use basic Windows file management features such as saving files, copying files and creating folders. Further students will participate in online discussion boards, complete the assigned readings, complete online quizzes/tests and be proactive with questions and concerns.

BRIGHTSPACE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Browser Requirements:

Desktop Support

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A
Google® Chrome™	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

For the most current Brightspace operating system and browser requirements, please go to https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm?Highlight=browser and access the Desktop support section.

Software Requirements

- Microsoft Word 2016 is recommended
- Microsoft Office 2016 Suite is recommended
- Adobe Reader (latest version)

Other System Requirements

- High speed or broadband internet connection recommended
- Printer, video and sound cards
- CD-ROM drive

COURSE SPECIFIC SOFTWARE

The current course is designed to use operating systems and productivity tools that are being used in the business setting. As of December 3, 2018, the following is a rough estimate of the percentage of operating systems deployed. Windows – 87%, Mac OS – 9.7%, Linux – 2.1 %, and Chrome – 0.3 % (Keizer).

Following industry, the course will focus on the Windows Operating System and Microsoft productivity tools combined with computer concepts.

This course will require you to have access to MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, and MS Access. Currently, these applications are available through your college Microsoft 365 account for download and installation on a Windows computer. There is also a version of MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint (NOT MS Access) for the Mac OS. If you do not own a computer, the computer labs on campus have the needed software installed. (Please see campus lab locations and hours here: <http://www.monroecc.edu/rctc/>).

Please be aware that the Online/Web version of MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint do NOT have the full functionality needed. Nor do the App versions that can be installed on a Chromebook. Further, MS Access is NOT available for the Mac OS.

Thus this CIS-130 course is taught from a Windows Operating System perspective. Although it is possible to utilize a Mac OS computer in this course, the focus of the textbooks and instruction is Windows Operating System. Further, if you choose to use a Mac OS computer for this course, please note that you will not be able to complete the MS Access database portion of the course on your Mac OS computer and will need to use a Windows OS computer. Please contact your instructor if you have further questions about Mac OS computer use in this course.

Students must be able to use the college provided email and complete internet research. In addition, students will need to have Microsoft Office 2016 Professional software (including Word 2016, Excel 2016, Access 2016 and PowerPoint 2016) for Windows or comparable version on a Mac.

MS Access 2016 is the database software used in this course. Currently, MS Access is NOT available on the MAC or Linux operating systems.

Further in the book bundle, purchased from the college bookstore, you will find a SAM Access code. This code is needed to complete the course.

Keizer, G. (2018, December 3). Windows by the numbers: Windows 10 fails to unseat Windows 7. Retrieved December 5, 2018, from <https://www.computerworld.com/article/3199373/windows-pcs/windows-by-the-numbers-windows-10-fails-to-unseat-windows-7.html>

WHERE DO STUDENTS START

On the first day of the semester, the course will open. On that day, you should log into the class as instructed above. You will find instructions for the class there.

OTHER INFORMATION	This course has a very specific textbook and SAM access code bundle. You will need BOTH items for the course. This specific bundle is available at the college bookstore. Other online bookstores do not always offer the correct bundle.
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