



## ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION

### Winter 2018 Semester

COURSE: CIS 130 L3

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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 Blackboard multiple times each week to keep up with communication, assignments and other coursework.

### Blackboard

Online courses use Blackboard 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 Blackboard and maintain his or her computer setup to work properly with Blackboard.

The Blackboard Login can be found on the College's webpage, [www.monroecc.edu](http://www.monroecc.edu). Information on student usernames and passwords can be found on the Student Support tab on the Blackboard site.

**Blackboard 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.monroecc.edu](http://www.monroecc.edu).

### NEED HELP?

**BLACKBOARD HELP DESK:** 734.384.4328  
or [elarning@monroecc.edu](mailto:elarning@monroecc.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 <a href="http://www.monroecc.edu/outlines/">http://www.monroecc.edu/outlines/</a>.</p>
<p>COURSE BEGINS</p>	<p>Friday, January 5, 2018</p>
<p>COURSE ENDS</p>	<p>Monday, April 30, 2018</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 Blackboard 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 <b>WI2018-ONL-001-L1 by January 3, 2018</b>. Failure to complete the online orientation by the above date may result in <u>de-registration from your winter 2018 online course</u>.</p>
<p>PROCTORED EXAMS OR ASSIGNMENTS</p>	<p>All coursework for this course is completed online (unless you experience "technical issues" taking online quizzes and exams. If this occurs, then any make-up quizzes or exams granted by the instructor must be taken in a proctored environment or on campus in the BLL or RCTC computer labs).</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: PROCTORED EXAMS OR ASSIGNMENTS</p>	<p><b>Some</b> 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 <a href="http://www.monroecc.edu/rctc/index.htm">http://www.monroecc.edu/rctc/index.htm</a>. 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, <a href="http://www.monroecc.edu/bookstore/">http://www.monroecc.edu/bookstore/</a>. Textbook information is posted approximately one month prior to the beginning of the semester. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Make sure when identifying which course you are enrolled 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.</p> <p>Please contact the MCCC Bookstore for additional information, 734.384.4140.</p>
<p>COURSE EXPECTATIONS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please note that it is assumed the CIS 130 online students already have the following technology skills: using college email, sending emails with attachments, compressing files and folders, and basic file management and web browser knowledge. If you don’t have these skills it is recommended that you take an on-ground CIS 130 course.</li> <li>2. Login to the course the first day of the semester and download the syllabus and post a response to the Self-Introductions discussion forum.</li> <li>3. Access the course several times weekly.</li> <li>4. Use your college email account.</li> <li>5. Complete your assignments by the due date. LATE WORK WON’T BE ACCEPTED.</li> </ol>
<p>BLACKBOARD SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p><b>Browser Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mozilla Firefox 31 or higher (recommended browser for Blackboard)</li> <li>• Google Chrome 36 or higher (recommended browser for Blackboard)</li> <li>• Safari 6 or higher</li> <li>• Internet Explorer 9 or higher (IE compatibility view settings will need to be adjusted for optimum Blackboard use)</li> </ul> <p>For the most current Blackboard operating system and browser requirements, please go to <a href="http://www.monroecc.edu/distancelearning/elearning_student.htm">http://www.monroecc.edu/distancelearning/elearning_student.htm</a> and access the “Blackboard Browser Requirements” link.</p> <p><b>Software Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microsoft Word 2013 is recommended</li> <li>• Microsoft Office Suite is recommended</li> <li>• Adobe Reader 9.0 or higher</li> </ul> <p><b>Other System Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High speed or broadband internet connection recommended</li> <li>• Printer, video and sound cards</li> <li>• CD-ROM drive</li> </ul>
<p>COURSE SPECIFIC SOFTWARE</p>	<p>Windows 10 Operating System Office 2016</p>
<p>WHERE DO STUDENTS START</p>	<p>The first day of the semester login to the course in Blackboard and access the Start Here link on left navigation menu. Next, download and read the course syllabus. Finally, reply to the Self-Introduction forum on the course Discussion Board (also on left navigation menu).</p>

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Required meetings: Two (2) online meetings are required with the instructor. Online meeting times will be flexible and arranged around each student's schedule.

Recommend that students have a web camera and microphone for online meetings.

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