

Howard Community College
Online Course Information

CMSY-129 Principles of Internet

Section N090 meets from May 29, 2007 to July 2, 2007

Section N090 meets from June 13 to August 8, 2007

Section N091 meets from July 5 to August 8, 2007

The Internet is an ever-growing repository of information, providing access to research databases, business forums, educational information, government and news sources, software programs, and worldwide communication capability. This course will introduce the student to all aspect of the Internet begin with the understanding of the technologies, followed by an understanding of Internet connection and use of popular Internet tools and applications. Additionally, we will discuss the legal, moral, ethical, and security issues associated with use of the Internet.

It is strongly recommended that you have regular access to a computer; familiarity with its operating system (Windows 98, Windows XP, etc.); electronic file management skills (use of folders, file compression or zipping, sending and receiving files) before enrolling in this course.

Credits 3 Prerequisites Fees This course has fees totaling \$25.00.

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Overall Course Objectives

Once you have completed this course you will be able to:

- Describe the technical set-up requirements and choices for connecting to the Internet.
- Use a variety of tools, including e-mail, web browsers, plug-ins, and search engines.
- Discuss proper use and behavior associated with using the Internet.
- Use basic XHTML coding for creating web pages and test, view and print the Web page.
- Explain why the Internet is becoming more important for business.
- Explain copyright and trademark law, and other legal issues in doing business.

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Major Course Topics

List the major topics:

- ✓ Introduction to the Internet and the WWW
- ✓ Browser Basics
- ✓ Electronic Mail
- ✓ Searching for Information
- ✓ FTP and Downloading Data
- ✓ Mailing Lists, Chat, Discussion Groups, and Newsgroups, Blogs
- ✓ Internet Security
- ✓ E-commerce
- ✓ Introduction to XHTML
- ✓ Controlling XHTML Text, adding graphics and Multimedia

Course Format

This course:

- **Is not self-paced.** You will not be able to access units and activities until the assigned week. The course material is sequential. There is a specific timeline for the completion of each assignment in this class. Quizzes will be available for 1 week, and may not be completed after the deadline. You are expected to check into the course every few days so you will know what is going on, what is due, and see if I have sent you an email (in case there is any modification or clarification to an assignment).
- Does not require on-campus meetings, except for exams that is taken at the end of the semester, during the week assigned, in the Test Center. (For more information on taking exam, see the "Exam" section below).
- Does require real-time chats.

Some of the types of learning activities or assignments required are:

- Read chapters in the textbook.
- Read reference (Power Point Presentations) material which has been provided within the class.
- Discuss a topic each week with the class.
- Research various topics on the Internet.
- Real-time mandatory chats. (The time of the chat will be based on everyone's availability in the class.)
- Creating basic web pages using XHTML.

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Orientation

Please check the list of scheduled orientations to see if this course has a face-to-face orientation. If a face-to-face orientation is scheduled, the list will provide specifics about date, time, and location.

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Course Requirements

Review the "[What you should know before you register](#)" section of the Distance Learning Homepage.

Quizzes: each consisting of fifteen true/false and multiple choice questions.

Various assignments.

Tests with true/false, multiple choice, term definition and Case Problem covering all material. At least two consecutive night's attendance in a formal online group debate.

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Materials

Required:

Schneider, Gary P. and Evans, Jessica. *New Perspectives the Internet, 6-th Edition Comprehensive*.

Guided Notes Fot CMSY-129, HCC Print Shop

Reding, Elisabeth Eisner and Vodnik, Sasha. *HTML, Third Edition, Introductory*

Recommended:

Preston Gralla, *How the Internet Works, 7th Edition*.

At least **two 3.5 disks or/and one usb drive**. Use them to backup your class files or to keep copies of homework assignments. Buy your textbooks from our online [Bookstore](#), or visit our [Bookstore](#). ([Maps](#))

Technical Requirements and Plug-Ins:

Review the Technical Requirements link above. The following software and plug-ins are required for this course:

Plain text editor such as Microsoft Notepad or NVU (free download from nvu.com)

Flash

Internet Explorer

Netscape

PowerPoint Viewer, if you don't have the full version of Microsoft PowerPoint

QuickTime

Real Player

Windows Media Player

Word Viewer, if you don't have the full version of Microsoft Word

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Exam

For purposes of verification and assessing learning outcomes, this course has a final exam at the HCC Testing Center for students in the local region or at a regional institution for remote students. The exam will have a flexible window of time during which it needs to be taken rather than a single date and time.

*If you have any questions or comments about this course, please send a message to
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