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Welcome to UNI 100 Freshman First Class!

For many of you, this is probably your first online course. This page is designed to introduce you to the online classroom environment and, hopefully, make you a little more comfortable. If you have previously taken an online course in Blackboard, please be patient; however, the tasks on this page are required for everyone.

Each major content area of this course is represented in the **Course Content** section of the course menu at the left of this page. Clicking the respective link will give you access to additional content. For example, **Start Here** is where you are currently working; the **Syllabus & Schedule** is the next link; and **UNI 100 Course Content** links to your learning modules. The **Notifications** section of the menu will be the source of notifications from the instructor throughout the course. The notifications might include reminders about assignments, additional instructions, or announcements about campus activities and events. The notifications are not general University notifications. They will be items relative to the nature of this course that your instructor selected to share with you.

When you click on **UNI 100 Course Content**, you will find eight learning modules. Each learning module has its own video (or two), reading, and an activity or assignment relating to the content of that module. **You will be expected to complete one module each week.** To help you pace yourself in completing the class, please note that there will be weekly readings and assignment due dates outlined in the **Syllabus & Schedule** with specific details provided within the related **UNI 100 Course Content** modules. Please establish a work routine that will help you complete activities on time. Plan to review course content prior to the related due dates to give yourself the opportunity to submit questions and receive feedback about any confusing elements. Assignments should be completed in the order assigned.

The menu at the left also includes a **College Terminology** link. This is a glossary of commonly used college terminology. The terms will be reviewed in Module 1 but will be available from the menu for future reference.

The course menu also includes **Course Tools** for access to commonly needed tools such as **Discussion, Messages** and **My Grades**.

There is also a section for **MUOnline Help**. For access to tips, videos, and instructions for your classroom tools, check out the links to **Blackboard Help** and **Blackboard Tutorials**. If you are having technical difficulties, you may contact the **MU Help Desk** for assistance.

Computer Requirements

Click the link above (the heading of this section) to review **Computer Requirements** provided by the University. Please remember the **MUOnline Help** menu at the left of this page contains links to **Blackboard Help** and **Blackboard Tutorials**. If you have technical issues, you may contact the **Marshall Help Desk**.

Messages

The course syllabus provides a summary of the course, contact information for your instructor, the expected learning outcomes, information about university policies, and a schedule of anticipated assignments. Please carefully review your **Syllabus & Schedule** linked from the Course Content menu at the left of this page.

Use **Messages** (accessible in the Course Tools at the left) to send an in-course email to let your instructor know that you have successfully accessed the course and are beginning work on assignments. **In your message, include a comment about one of the course objectives noted on your syllabus.** Please note that Messages sent and received within this course are not available or accessible in your regular email account. (3 pts) | [Access help for sending Messages.](#)

This is the instructor's preferred method of private communication in this course. We will be having some classroom discussions about our learning topics, but some questions and issues are better addressed privately.

Meet the Class Discussion

Click the link above to access **Meet the Class**. Use this **Discussion** area to post a brief bio introducing yourself to the rest of the class. Click the box that says "Create Thread." In the subject line, please include your first and last name. Be sure to check back later to meet your classmates and instructor by reading and replying to some of their posts. At least one reply is required in order to receive full credit. (3 pts) | [Access help for using the Discussion Board](#)

MU Sample Video

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In this course, you will have several videos to watch. This is a sample video web link. Click on the link above (the heading of this section) to watch the video (3 pts).

Personalize My Places

Locate your name in the top-right corner of the screen and click the down-pointing arrow. Access **Settings** and **Personal Information** then select **Personalize My Settings** to add an **Avatar**. Your Avatar may be a personal photo or other representation of you.

Whether you use a photo or clipart, the image size should be limited to 150 x 150. Editing must be completed using an external image editor. Try [PicMonkey](#) online for free. A combination of Crop, Resize and Save options should accomplish the task. (3 pts) | [Access help to Personalize My Places](#) or [View a short PicMonkey demonstration](#) (1.15 mb [Quicktime](#) Video)

Practice Quiz

Click the link above to access and complete the **Practice Quiz**. Follow on-screen directions for completing the three item assessment. (3 pts) | [Access help for completing Tests](#)

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