

ONLINE CLASSES at YCCC



DEAR ONLINE STUDENT,

We are so excited that you are starting online classes at YCCC on January 17th! Our online classes are taught by some of the most experienced, active and engaging faculty in the region and we are so pleased that you will be joining our academic community. At YCCC our online classes are conducted on [Blackboard](#) and it is accessible 24/7 and from anywhere you can get on the internet.

But first, we wanted to contact you to share some important information. All classes start on the **first day of the semester – January 17th** and you will not be able to access your classes before then. **And, be sure to login on the first day of the semester!** For some of you, you will have assignments due on the first day of the semester so it will be important to get started as soon as possible.

We'd also like to personally invite you to attend our "Let's Login Together" drop-in workshop to get organized, be with someone as you log in for the first time, print course materials, start your first assignment and make a plan for the semester. See below for more details!

Be sure that you have access to a reliable internet connection and a computer. Although you can do some work on mobile devices, it is advised that you use a computer for much of your coursework on a Macintosh or PC. Also, we strongly recommend you look at our online orientation at <http://virtual.yccc.edu/bborientation> to give you information about online learning and using Blackboard.

Certainly, we advise that you purchase textbooks in advance and start reading early. To find out what textbook you need for any of your classes, visit or call the YCCC Bookstore (646-9282) or click on the course name listed in the [course schedule](#).

Please review more information below that describes how to login, some valuable tips for online learning and how to contact us if you encounter any technical or login problems.

GET STARTED ON JANUARY 17TH, 2017

1. Go to <https://learn.yccc.edu>
2. Enter your YCCC Username & Password
Username is sfirstnamelastname (i.e. sjohnsmith)
& your password is your YCCC student ID number.
3. Click the "Login" button.
4. Click on you classes listed in the center box

A screenshot of the Blackboard login interface. At the top left is the Blackboard logo (a stylized 'Bb' in a square) with the word "Blackboard" underneath. Below the logo is a yellow box containing the text "Have an account?" and "Please enter your credentials and click the Login button below." There are two input fields: "Username:" with the placeholder text "sfirstnamelastname" and "Password:" with the placeholder text "YCCC ID #". A blue "Login" button is positioned below the password field.

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QUICK TIPS FOR ONLINE LEARNING IN AN ACCELERATED FORMAT

Start before class begins

Get the textbooks before the class even begins & start reading! Some instructors will send you a syllabus in advance if you ask.

Make a commitment

Print & read the syllabus thoroughly on the first day! Study it and get organized.

Be actively engaged

Login daily & participate often. Success for online learning depends on your active, frequent & academic engagement w/other students.

Practice time management

Start a weekly routine to stay disciplined. Assign times for certain tasks. Break down larger assignments into smaller parts.

Stay self-disciplined

Read instructions carefully & stay caught up. Pay attention details including citation style & study like any face-to-face class.

LEARNING CENTER WINTER SESSION SERVICES

LET'S LOGIN TOGETHER (in the Learning Center)

Tuesday, January 17 **4:00pm – 6:00pm**

Wed., January 18 **9:00am – 11:00am**

In this free workshop we will help students login, get oriented to online learning, & get started on their first assignment.

NEED HELP? GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

Have technical problems with Blackboard?

Complete a support ticket at https://my.yccc.edu/ICS/Campus_Services/IT/

Want to sit down with an online success coach?

Fill out the Contact Us Now form at <http://virtual.yccc.edu/learningcenter>

Sincerely,

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