Start-up Info for Critical Thinking – Phil 125, Spring 2012

Welcome to Critical Thinking, Phil 125! This is an online course which means that most of the work you do for this course will be self-directed. You will be required to log on to Cuyamaca's Blackboard course container to submit weekly assignments, submit course quizzes, and participate in weekly online discussions. Full descriptions of all of the course requirements are available in the course syllabus which may be accessed via my website (www.cuyamaca.edu/kathryn.valdivia). Complete course content will be available to students enrolled in my class. Enrolled students will be able to log into **Blackboard**. In other words, i**n order to log in, you must already be officially enrolled in the appropriate course section.**

Directions for logging on to Blackboard
First of all, you must have already applied for admission to Cuyamaca College and be pre-registered in the course. You may register using WebAdvisor.

If you have already registered for the course, your name and password have already been uploaded on to the Cuyamaca server as part of the class roster as of the first day of class. Classes for the Spring, 2012 semester begin on Monday, January 23, 2012. This is the first day you'll have access to online course material, beginning at 8:00AM via **Blackboard**.

There may be students who register on or after Monday morning, Jan 23rd (i.e., they have not pre-registered). Students who are in these groups will **not** be able to access Blackboard until after they have contacted the instructor. (Email Kathryn Valdivia as soon as possible.)

IF YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED…

For students who have pre-registered, here are the directions for accessing your course information on Blackboard:

1. Log into Blackboard
2. Select "User Login"
3. In the box labeled "Username" type in your userid (This is your first and last name written without any spaces, but with a dot between the names; for example, my Blackboard username is kathryn.valdivia)
4. In the box labeled "password" type in your birth date. (This is your birth date written as mmddyy; for example, 021589, would be the correct format and info if your birthday is February 15, 1989.)
5. If the course name for which you are registered is listed, **click on the course title** – you are now "in class." Take some time to explore each link and see what is on each screen.
6. If the course name for which you are registering is not listed, click **Add Course** and continue with these instructions.

Do you have more questions not answered by any of the above information?

Access further detailed directions that cover a variety of FAQ's, technical questions, procedural questions, etc. at our district's site: http://www.gcccd.net/online/

Still have further technical questions? Call the Student Help Desk at 619-660-4395.
The Student Help Desk is open:
Monday 8-5 / TTH 7 am-7:30 pm / WF 7 am-5 pm / Sat 7 am-3 pm