



ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION

Fall 2022 Semester

COURSE: GEOG 151 L1

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Elements of Physical Geography

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

Brightspace

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

The Brightspace Login can be found on the College's webpage, www.monroeccc.edu.

Brightspace 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.monroeccc.edu.

NEED HELP?

BRIGHTSPACE HELP DESK: 734.384.4328
or elearning@monroeccc.edu

COLLEGE EMAIL: 734-384-4328

WEBPAL: 734-384-4333

<p>COURSE DESCRIPTION</p>	<p>Physical Geography is an exploration of Earth’s major systems, including: hydrosphere, biosphere, atmosphere, and lithosphere with a focus on the spatial characteristics and inter-connectedness of these systems. In this course we will examine how these different systems through an introduction to geology, geomorphology, soils, hydrology, climatology, meteorology, ecology, and biogeography. The course consists of video lectures and discussion forums, critical thinking and discussion-based exercises, quizzes and exams.</p> <p>Students must have successfully completed Reading 090, Math 090 and English 090 or qualifying scores on ACT or COMPASS tests.</p> <p>The Course Outcome Summary can be found at https://www.monroecc.edu/course-outcomes.</p>
<p>COURSE BEGINS</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 24, 2022</p>
<p>COURSE ENDS</p>	<p>Monday, December 12, 2022</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 Brightspace 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 FL2022-ONL-001-L1 by August 20, 2022. Failure to complete the online orientation by the above date may result in <u>de-registration from your Fall 2022 online course</u>.</p>
<p>PROCTORED EXAMS OR ASSIGNMENTS</p>	<p>All quizzes and exams will be open-book/open-note. You may take a quiz or exam anytime between 8:00 AM on Monday and 11:59 PM on Sunday of the week it is assigned. Duration is 15 minutes for quizzes and 60 minutes for exams. You can only submit the quiz or exam once. Once you begin you cannot stop or pause so be prepared before you start. Unfinished quizzes or exams will be automatically submitted when the time limit expires, and your score will be derived from the completed questions. Exams and quizzes will be completed online with an enforced time limit. Quizzes and exams will be a combination of multiple choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, and essay questions, etc. Students will be completing and submitting exams in Brightspace. The exams will only be accepted if they are submitted properly by the designated due dates. Students will be REQUIRED to use Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor to take their examinations. Students are expected to complete their exams by themselves without assistance from anyone or from online sources. To do otherwise will be deemed a violation of academic dishonesty. Make-up quizzes and exams will not be permitted without documented and verifiable proof of extenuating circumstances or an emergency</p>

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION:
PROCTORED
EXAMS OR
ASSIGNMENTS**

Some 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 Testing Center. Additional information on the Testing Center can be found at <https://www.monroeccc.edu/testing>. 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.

**COURSE
MATERIALS
AND TEXTBOOK
INFORMATION**

All required textbooks and/or access codes are available for purchase by the student at the MCCC/eCampus Online Bookstore website: <https://monroeccc.ecampus.com/>. Sign in using your MCCC student email and password.

All required course supplies are available for purchase by the student at the Campus Store or on the Campus Store website: <https://bookstore.monroeccc.edu/>

Textbook information is available for viewing approximately one month prior to the beginning of the semester at <https://monroeccc.ecampus.com/>. **IMPORTANT:** Please ensure you are logging in and using the “Shop by Schedule” option to view and purchase only those materials assigned to your specific course(s).

Please contact the MCCC Campus Store for additional information, 734.384.4140.

**COURSE
EXPECTATIONS**

You are responsible to maintain your own computer and access to reliable internet service.

There is a lot of material in this course that we will cover. You are expected to:

- Be self-motivated in order to keep up.
- Read all assigned chapters each week.
- Review the weekly PowerPoint and video lectures.
- Review additional material, videos, web sites, articles.
- Contribute to the weekly discussion forums.
- Complete any assigned homework activities.
- Complete assigned online quizzes.
- Complete assigned online exams

**BRIGHTSPACE
SYSTEM
REQUIREMENTS**

Browser Requirements:

Desktop Support

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A

Google® Chrome™	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

For the most current Brightspace operating system and browser requirements, please go to https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm?Highlight=browser and access the Desktop support section.

Software Requirements

Download/access web-based Microsoft Office applications:

1. Go to www.monroecc.edu and click CURRENT STUDENTS
2. Next click on EMAIL from the list of links on the left, it will open another window
3. Click EMAIL LOGIN, then log in with your entire MCCC email address (e.g., tperson23456@my.monroecc.edu) and your email password, which initially is your seven-digit student ID#.
4. Click on the **9-dot square** in the upper left corner next to the word "Outlook", some Office Suite icons appear
5. Click on the **Office 365 with an arrow** link, more Office Suite icons appear
6. Finally, click on the **Install Office link** and follow the instructions
**NOTE there are links in the instructions if you have difficulties installing the software. Please use those links to resolve any possible installation issues.*

FYI - You will not be able to download Microsoft Office until the first day of the semester.

Other System Recommendations

- Broadband internet connection
- Webcam

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

PC or Mac computer systems with Windows 10 (or Mac equivalent OS) is required.

Chromebook Use Limitations: Chromebooks cannot be used for courses requiring Microsoft Office applications (e.g., CIS 130, CIS 109, etc.). Additionally, Chromebooks do not work when taking quizzes requiring *Respondus Lockdown browser in Brightspace*.

Mac Computer Use Limitations: The Microsoft Access application does not work on a Mac.

COURSE SPECIFIC SOFTWARE

Microsoft Word 2016 is recommended
 Microsoft Office 2016 Suite is recommended Adobe Reader (latest version)
 Other System Requirements
 Windows: 10, 8, 7, Mac: OS X 10.10 or higher, or iOS (iPad only and must have a compatible LMS integration).
 Web camera (internal or external) & microphone A broadband internet connection.

WHERE DO STUDENTS START

Log into Brightspace. Under "Content" go to the Welcome module. Review the introduction video and syllabus. Download and install Respondus LockDown Browser. Once complete, proceed to the "Week 1" module.

	Review the video lecture, PowerPoint slides, chapter reading, and complete quiz #1.
OTHER INFORMATION	<p>Required Class Materials Textbook: Peterson, Sack, and Gabler. Physical Geography. Edition: 11th. + MindTap Printed Access Card Required equipment: Protractor, ruler, atlas, student Earth globe and calculator. These items can be purchased through MCCC's bookstore.</p>
STUDENT LOGIN INFORMATION	<p>To login to Brightspace, E-mail, or WebPal, go to www.monroecc.edu and click on CURRENT STUDENTS on the menu bar, then click on Brightspace, email, or WebPal from the links that appear on the left side of the screen.</p> <p>Brightspace - Login to Brightspace using your unique MCCC Webpal username (i.e., the first part of your MCCC email address) and 7-digit student ID number for your password (or whatever password you use for your MCCC college email account). You should be able to access Brightspace 24 hours after registering for a course. Courses are not available in Brightspace until the first day of the semester.</p> <p>E-mail - Your email address is your MyWebPal user name followed by @my.monroecc.edu (i.e. jsmith12345@my.monroecc.edu). Your password is your seven-digit student ID number (including leading zeros).</p> <p>WebPal - You need a WebPAL user ID and a password to access WebPAL. Your WebPAL user ID is usually your first initial and last name (i.e. Mary Smith = msmith). To find your user ID, click on "What's My User ID?" on the WebPAL home page. Your initial password is your six-digit birthdate (i.e. January 1, 1970 = 010170). After logging on the first time, WebPAL will ask you to change your password. If you are a returning student and can't remember your password, click on "What's My Password?" on the WebPAL home page, then choose "Reset my password." If you have an e-mail address on file, WebPAL will send you a new password.</p>
TUTORING INFORMATION	<p>Trained student tutors and faculty specialists work with students both individually and in small study groups. Student tutors are students who are proficient in the courses they tutor and are recommended by their instructors. Faculty specialists have credentials that are similar to those of our faculty, and many have experience teaching at MCCC or other colleges or universities. In general, faculty specialists have years of experience helping students succeed.</p> <p>Students who utilize tutoring services at MCCC can expect to gain a better understanding of questions and/or concerns they have about their coursework, suggestions for improvement, study strategies, insight into instructor expectations and the understanding of how to link new material with what they already know.</p> <p>Tutoring is normally provided by appointment. Walk-ins are accepted, but immediate tutoring is often unavailable. To make an appointment on the Main Campus, call the Student Success Center at (734) 384-4167 or visit the center in person located in the Student Success Center, Founders Hall, Room F-148. Students can also make an appointment online at https://tutor.monroecc.edu/TracWeb40/Default.html.</p>

