



BLENDDED COURSE INFORMATION

Winter 2022 Semester

COURSE: SOC 161 B1

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Death, Loss and Grief

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There are many benefits of **Blended** courses at MCCC:

- Less restrictive scheduling
- Convenience
- Intensive self-study
- Course materials are accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Since **Blended** courses require work on the computer using Brightspace, as well as classroom work, students should possess the following skills to be successful:

- Highly self-motivated
- Have strong computer skills
- Possess good time management skills
- Know how to study independently
- Possess good communication skills

Blended classes at MCCC deliver instruction in a web-based format, along with periodic face-to-face classes or virtual classes as established by the instructor.

When taking a **Blended** 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
- General Web Navigation, research and browser maintenance skills

It is essential to log into Brightspace regularly to keep up with communication and assignments.

Brightspace

Blended courses use Brightspace course management system as the means of communication between the students and the instructor, along with periodic face-to-face or virtual class meetings as established by 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

All students are required to use their MCCC sponsored student email address. Information on the MCCC student email can be found on the Student Support tab on the Brightspace site.

NEED HELP?

BRIGHTSPACE HELP DESK: 734.384.4328
or elarning@monroeccc.edu

COLLEGE EMAIL: 734-384-4328

WEBPAL: 734-384-4333

<p>COURSE DESCRIPTION</p>	<p>This course analyzes the historical, socio-cultural, psychological and political construction of death, dying and bereavement in the United States and across world cultures. Ethical debates in the right-to-die movement and other social issues about the quality of life will be explored. This course will also address the challenges and rewards in working with the dying and grieving.</p> <p>The complete Outline of Instruction can be found at https://www.monroeccc.edu/sites/default/files/course-outcomes/SOC/SOC%20161%20COS.pdf.</p>
<p>COURSE BEGINS</p>	<p>Monday, January 10, 2022 (2:00 – 3:20 on campus L-141)</p>
<p>COURSE ENDS</p>	<p>Monday, May 02, 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 blended 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 blended 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 WI2022-ONL-001-L1 by January 5, 2022. Failure to complete the online orientation by the above date may result in <u>de-registration from your Winter 2022 blended course</u>.</p>
<p>SCHEDULED MEETINGS</p>	<p>2:00 PM – 3:20 PM – Monday L-141 2:00 PM – 3:20 PM – Wednesday Via Zoom</p>
<p>COURSE MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOK INFORMATION</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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/</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Please contact the MCCC Campus Store for additional information, 734.384.4140.</p>
<p>COURSE EXPECTATIONS</p>	<p>The syllabus & schedule will be available in class and in Brightspace on the first day of class. Face-to-face and Zoom attendance is mandatory.</p> <p>MONDAYS: Class begins at 2:00 pm ON CAMPUS, L-141.</p>

WEDNESDAYS: Class begins at 2:00 pm IN ZOOM, so please be logged in to Brightspace / Zoom and ready to participate with your webcam ON.

Note the "System / Software Requirements" listed below—all students will be expected to have Microsoft Word (available through Microsoft Office 365) and a webcam/microphone.

In addition to the text materials, students are required to subscribe to the digital version of the *New York Times* newspaper. This is available AT NO COST to all registered students through the MCCC library's *New York Times* database. This will be explained in class.

<https://nytimesineducation.com/access-nyt/monroe-county-community-college/>

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*

	<p><i>difficulties installing the software. Please use those links to resolve any possible installation issues.</i></p> <p>FYI - You will not be able to download Microsoft Office until the first day of the semester.</p> <p>Other System Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband internet connection • Webcam
COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS	<p>PC or Mac computer systems with Windows 10 (<u>or Mac equivalent OS</u>) is required.</p> <p>Chromebook Use Limitations: Chromebooks cannot be used for courses requiring Microsoft Office applications (e.g., CIS 130, CIS 109, etc.). Additionally, Chromebooks may not work with when taking quizzes requiring <i>Respondus Lockdown browser in Brightspace</i>.</p> <p>Mac Computer Use Limitations: The Microsoft Access application does not work on a Mac.</p>
COURSE SPECIFIC SOFTWARE	<p>Most assignments will be turned in through Brightspace. Written assignments will require Microsoft Word, available in Microsoft 365 through MCCC.</p>
WHERE DO STUDENTS START	<p>January 10, 2022, Monday @ 2:00 pm, the course begins in L-141. The syllabus and schedule will be distributed there.</p> <p>January 12, 2022, Wednesday @ 2:00 pm, there will be an announcement in Brightspace with a link to Zoom AND a password to get into the meeting. Zoom availability begins at 1:45 pm. Class starts at 2:00 pm. (If you have no experience with Brightspace, please log into Brightspace earlier in the week to see how it works.)</p>
OTHER INFORMATION	<p>All on-campus meetings will adhere to best-practices related to COVID as outlined by MCCC administration and/or the Centers for Disease Control.</p> <p>Consider joining the spring 2022 Study Abroad trip to Eastern Europe in mid-May. Students passing SOC 161 will be eligible for the one-credit <i>Special Topics</i> course in Sociology associated with the trip. Itinerary and costs are outlined in this link: https://www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/2396166ND</p> <p>Application must be submitted to Professor Wendy Wysocki, program leader, before enrolling in the trip. https://www.monroecc.edu/study-abroad</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</p>

@my.monroecc.edu (i.e. jsmith12345@my.monroecc.edu). Your password is your seven-digit student ID number (including leading zeros).

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.

TUTORING
INFORMATION

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.

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.

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](tel:7343844167) 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>

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