

# College of the Redwoods Getting Started with Canvas



## Course Information

Semester & Year: Spring 2026

Course ID & Section #number: EDUC 203 Section V1253

Instructor's name: Amy Berkowitz

Day/Time of required meetings: Mondays & Wednesdays 5-6pm

Location: Online via Canvas (using TechConnectZoom)

Course units: zero (noncredit)



## Instructor Contact Information

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Office hours: By Appointment

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## Required Material

There are no required materials for this course.



## Catalog Description

A course preparing students to be effective learners in an online environment. This course will emphasize best practices in online learning, internet etiquette, and the effective use of the Learning Management System. It is intended for students taking an online course for the first time or for those in need of an online refresher. This course also serves as a great introduction to other software used in the workplace.




## Course Student Learning Outcomes

- **Demonstrate competency using the tools in the Learning Management System (LMS).**
- **Describe best practices in online learning and how they help the student become a more effective learner.**
- **Demonstrate effective online communication.**



## Course Calendar

Each class we will cover topics relevant to learning online and using Canvas. I am especially hoping to be a resource for you to assist you with the specific online classes you are taking, so there will be time to work on navigating and understanding your work in addition to the general best practices for learning online. Modules will be developed to address class needs. Some topics will include:

 Finding your instructor's information, lessons, and resources on Canvas

Canvas Navigation



Best practices for learning online

Time Management

Understanding grades in Canvas, and more.

Please note that our class will be impacted by several school wide holidays as well as a sick day (I am not teaching on 9/24). There will be a link to the academic calendar in our class.

Subject to change with notice.

I am also uploading a copy of the student services handbook to our class for your use.



## Evaluation & Grading Policy

Students are deemed to be making satisfactory progress by participating in the course.



## Prerequisites / Co-requisites / Recommended Preparation

None





## Educational Accessibility & Support

College of the Redwoods is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified students who could benefit from additional educational support and services. You may qualify if you have a physical, mental, sensory, or intellectual condition which causes you to struggle academically, including but not limited to:

- Mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, PTSD, or bipolar disorder
- Common ailments such as arthritis, asthma, diabetes, autoimmune disorders and diseases
- Temporary impairments such as a broken bone, recovery from significant surgery, or a pregnancy-related disability
- Neurodevelopmental disorders such as a learning disability, intellectual disability, autism, acquired brain injury, or ADHD
- Vision, hearing, or mobility conditions



Available services include extended test time, quiet testing environments, academic assistance and tutoring through the [LIGHT Center](https://www.redwoods.edu/services/sass/light.php) ,  [\(https://www.redwoods.edu/services/sass/light.php\)](https://www.redwoods.edu/services/sass/light.php), counseling and advising, alternate formats of course materials (e.g. audio books or E-texts), assistive technology, learning disability assessments, approval for personal attendants, interpreters, priority registration, on-campus transportation, adaptive physical education and living skills courses, and more. If you believe you might benefit from disability- or health-related services and accommodations, please contact [Student Accessibility Support Services \(SASS\)](https://www.redwoods.edu/services/sass/index.php) ,  [\(https://www.redwoods.edu/services/sass/index.php\)](https://www.redwoods.edu/services/sass/index.php).

If you are unsure whether you qualify, please contact SASS for a consultation:  
[SASS@redwoods.edu](mailto:SASS@redwoods.edu) (<mailto:SASS@redwoods.edu>).

## SASS office locations and phone numbers

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### Eureka campus

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- Phone: 707-476-4280,
- Locations: Student Services building, first floor SS113

### Del Norte campus

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- Phone: 707-465-2353
- Location: Main building, near the Library

### Klamath-Trinity campus

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- 707-476-4280

