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Dear Students,

I want to take a moment to welcome you to EWRT 1A and provide you with a few details about this course. As you probably know this course has a requisite component, Academic Reading and Writing LART D250, that will be taken as a companion course to EWRT 1A. One portion of the class will be held in-person each Monday beginning tomorrow Monday Sept. 23rd from 11:30am to 1:20pm in [L-31 located in the L-3 quad area of the campus](#); however, the course is offered as a hybrid modality in which we meet in person on Mondays and online on Wednesdays coupled with online assignments during the week. Tomorrow morning I plan to give you an overview of the class and will open the Canvas site for our class so we can review it together. I will be using the Canvas course platform during the quarter and you will automatically be enrolled in Canvas for this class. Canvas is accessible from both the myportal account and the De Anza website, and as I mentioned you will have access to the class site tomorrow at 11:30am. If you are new to Canvas, then check out this link to help you get started: <https://www.deanza.edu/online-ed/students/remotelearning.html>

The course has one required text and one highly recommended text and, due to a generous college grant, the required text is a free on-loan text. I will distribute Alejandra Campoverdi's text *First Gen: A Memoir* tomorrow morning. The other text, Susan Thurman's *The Only Grammar Book You'll Ever Need: A One-Stop Source for Every Writing Assignment*. Thurman Press; Avon, MA. 2003, is one I highly recommended but is it not required.

We will begin the course using Campoverdi's *First Gen: A Memoir* immediately this week, and I will review the first week's assignment carefully tomorrow when we meet in person.

For now, your only task is to bring a writing utensil and writing paper when we meet tomorrow Monday Sept. 23rd at 11:30am. **Last, campus policy states that all students must be present on the first day of class otherwise you may be dropped from the course.** I will do my best to make this course engaging and meaningful for you, and I look forward to meeting you!

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