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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Fall '21 PHC Distance Learning Students!

I'm Dr. Matthew Roberts, the academic advisor for Distance Learning students and manager of the Distance Learning (DL) program here at Patrick Henry College. I'm delighted that you've decided to join us, and hope that you find your classes both informative and enjoyable! Classes begin Monday, August 23rd!

As your academic advisor, I'm here to help you manage your DL experience with PHC. In general, your professors will take care of questions and concerns related to your particular courses. I'm here to offer advice on registration, questions about policies, and similar matters.

Today (Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>) Mr. Stephen Pierce, the Director of Admissions, and I held a DL orientation webinar. Here is the link to the recording: <https://patrickhenrycollege.wistia.com/medias/vgnfam39gt>. We covered much of what follows below as well as answering student questions.

You should have received from the Registrar your PHC email address and log-in information to access the student portal, which you can find at ([campus.phc.edu/studentportal/login.asp](https://campus.phc.edu/studentportal/login.asp)). If you have just been enrolled in the College, you will be hearing from the Registrar ([Registrar@phc.edu](mailto:Registrar@phc.edu)) shortly. If you have not received this information, feel free to email the Registrar to get this information.

All official college communications, including from your professors, should come to your PHC email address, so please check it regularly. Your professors will be (if they've haven't already) sending you an introductory email letting you know how to get started on their courses.

As you are probably aware, each DL course meets for one weekly live sessions with the professor. The times are posted on the PHC DL webpage (<https://www.phc.edu/distance-learning>). They are as follows:

BIB203 Theology of the Bible I ([Darrel Cox, Ph.D.](#))

Live Sessions for Theology will be Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

ET CLA233 Rhetoric & Composition ([Cory Grewell, Ph.D.](#))

Live Sessions for Rhetoric will be Mondays, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. ET HIS223

History of Western Civilization I ([Mr. Brett Jeschke, M.A.](#))

Live Sessions for History of Western Civilization will be Mondays, 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. ET

LIT213 Western Literature I ([Cory Grewell, Ph.D.](#))

Live Sessions for Western Literature 1 will be Wednesdays at 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. ET

We've entered your names into our online course platform, Canvas. In the aforementioned email, you were also given instructions on how to login to Canvas so that you can find your course(s). Should you have any problems with Canvas, please contact the PHC Help Desk at [helpdesk@phc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@phc.edu). When you login to the student portal, you should see a link on the left-hand menu that links to Canvas. Or you can access it directly: [phc.instructure.com](http://phc.instructure.com). Your professors are still in the process of posting materials to Canvas. They will be reaching out to you in the next week if they haven't yet letting you know important things about the course.

You should have also received information about purchasing textbooks from the PHC bookstore. This information is also available on the student portal. If you have questions about ordering textbooks, please email the Bookstore at [bookstore@phc.edu](mailto:bookstore@phc.edu) or call (540) 441-8860. Mrs. Kim Estep, the Director of the Bookstore, will be happy to help you with ordering your textbooks.

For those students who have been admitted as non-degree seeking students, if you are interested in applying for degree-seeking status in the future, please contact the admissions office at [admissions@phc.edu](mailto:admissions@phc.edu).

Here are some additional points of valuable information:

- As a helpful list of contacts for various questions, please see our DL contacts page: <https://www.phc.edu/distance-learning-contacts>.
- For career services, see <https://www.phc.edu/career-services>.
- In the student portal (campus.phc.edu), there is a link to PHC's internship/job search database.
- To listen to PHC chapel talks, you may access them here: <https://studentsphc.sharepoint.com/sites/Chapel>.

Thank you for joining us, and I hope you have a good Fall '21 term! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Flourish in the riches of Christ,

Dr. Roberts