

Portland Community College Distance Education

TELECOURSE GUIDE 2008-2009

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Distance learning provides students with an independent learning environment and the ability to take classes off campus. Through the use of media technology, students receive weekly lessons, complete assignments and communicate in a virtual classroom setting. Distance learning courses at PCC allow for more schedule flexibility, reduces commuting times and expenses, and brings college right to your fingertips. Several different modes of distance learning are available at PCC. Check the schedule listings for Web, TV or TVWEB courses.



What is a Telecourse?

Telecourses are distance learning courses that combine selected video series, study guides, textbook readings, and written assignments. Tests may involve traditional on-campus exams, or a scheduled proctored exam approved by the instructor if outside of the Portland district.

Communication between the instructor and students may include e-mail, telephone calls, mail, and/or personal on-campus meetings.

What is a TVWEB Course?

TVWEB courses are like Telecourses that has a Web component added. Lessons are delivered in video format, and coursework utilizes Internet resources. Communication between instructors and students is conducted through e-mail, Web discussion boards, and other distance learning resources.

How do I register?

All distance learning classes follow the same registration policies as on-campus classes. Policies and procedures governing tuition payment, adding and dropping classes and removing tuition charges are the same as for on-campus credit classes. Visit www.pcc.edu/schedule to search available courses at PCC.



VIDEO VIEWING OPTIONS

Telecourse and TVWEB videos are available in several different formats - DVD, VHS, TV, and video streaming. Not every video series is available in every format, but students can choose which video format they use to view videos. This guide outlines each of those options, and the table on the last page outlines the availability of each video series, and where students can acquire the videos for TV and TVWEB classes.

1. DVD's

PCC Bookstores carry some video titles on DVD for students to **purchase**. Not every Telecourse video series is made available on DVD, but the bookstore carries many sets and may buy them back at the end of the term if they are kept in good condition.

MATH 60, MATH 65 and MATH 95

The PCC bookstore provides rentals of **VHS tapes only** for MTH 60, MTH 65 and MTH 95 for the entire term. Bookstores are located at Sylvania, Cascade, Southeast and Rock Creek Campuses. Titles can be shipped or transferred to other PCC Bookstores. Call for availability.

Sylvania 503-977-4704

Rock Creek 503-614-7209

Cascade 503-978-5267

Southeast 503-788-6261

www.pcc.edu/resources/bookstore/

***Math video lessons are also available through via streaming.*

2. Video Streaming

Video streaming technology makes it possible to access your video lessons online and on-demand. Not all Telecourses are available in video streaming format. See the table on the last page of the booklet for available formats.

Streaming videos can be accessed on any computer, no downloading is necessary. Account access lasts the duration of the term and costs \$35 per video series per term. To access streaming video, go to the following URL and follow the instructions:

www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/

Technical requirements:

- Windows Media Player 10 or higher
- A secure and reliable Internet connection (i.e. cable, dsl, etc.)
- Headphones or computer speakers
- A valid credit card - the billing address on your card statement must match the address you enter

****to test your computer's connection handles video streaming visit: www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/ and follow the instructions. For support click on the "Contact Us" tab at the top of the page.****

3. Cable Television

PCC Telecourse episodes are broadcast at specific times and repeated several times per week on Comcast Cable Channel 27. The Comcast service for this channel extends to the Portland Metro area only, and **does not** extend to Beaverton, Vancouver, Gresham or areas east of 82nd Ave. The Telecourse schedule and more Telecourse information can be found each term at www.pcc.edu/tv.

4. Video Rental

Students can rent most Telecourse tapes or DVD's through ACT Media. Not every title is available in every format at ACT, and rental prices may vary. Contact ACT Media to find availability of Telecourse titles. Allow 10 business days for delivery.

ACT MEDIA

actmedia.org | 1-800-745-5480

*** ACT Media does not carry the Telecourse videos for MTH 60, MTH 65 or MTH 95. The PCC bookstores exclusively provide rentals of VHS tapes for Math Telecourses, for the entire term.*

5. PCC Libraries

Telecourse videos are available at all of the PCC Libraries. Videos may not be checked out, but can be watched on site with a valid PCC Student ID. You must be enrolled in a Telecourse or TVWEB course to view the videos. Visit the PCC Library Web site for information and availability at:

www.pcc.edu/library

Support

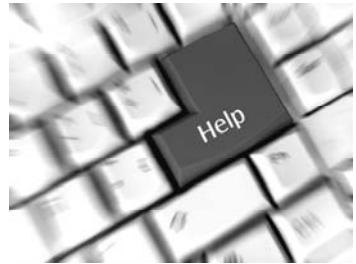
Student Help Desk

Computer software support for PCC students.

503-977-8200 or 1-866-922-1010
ext. 8200

shd@pcc.edu

www.pcc.edu/resources/help-desk



VIDEO RESOURCES

COURSE	VIDEO SERIES TITLE	Bookstore	Streaming Link	ACT	CABLE TV	Library
ATH 101	Physical Anthropology: the Evolving Human	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
ATH 103	Cultural Anthropology: Our Diverse World	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
FN 225	Nutrition Pathways	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
GS 107	Astronomy: Observations & Theories	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
HE 250	Journey To Health	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
HEC 226	Child Development: Stepping Stones	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
HST 101	Western Tradition (Part 1)	Sp. order	www.learner.org	Yes	Yes	Yes
HST 102	Western Tradition (Part 1 & 2)	Sp. order	www.learner.org	Yes	Yes	Yes
HST 103	Western Tradition (Part 2)	Sp. order	www.learner.org	Yes	Yes	Yes
HST 201	Shaping America	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
HST 202	Shaping America	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
HST 203	Transforming America	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
HST 203	Transforming America	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
MTH 30	By the Numbers	unavailable	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
MTH 60	Algebra I	VHS rental	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	No	Yes	Yes
MTH 65	Algebra II	VHS rental	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	No	Yes	Yes
MTH 95	Intermediate Algebra	VHS rental	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	No	Yes	Yes
PS 201	Framework for Democracy	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
PS 202	Framework for Democracy	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
PSY 201	Discovering Psychology	Sp. Order	www.learner.org	Yes	Yes	Yes
PSY 201	Psychology, the Human Experience	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
PSY 202	Discovering Psychology	Sp. Order	www.learner.org	Yes	Yes	Yes
PSY 202	Psychology, the Human Experience	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
PSY 215	Transitions Throughout the Lifespan	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
SOC 204	Exploring Society	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes
SOC 205	Exploring Society	DVD	www.iriseducation.org/b2c/portland/	Yes	Yes	Yes