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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Spring '24 PHC Distance Learning Students!

I'm Dr. Matthew Roberts, the academic advisor for Distance Learning students and Director of the Distance Learning (DL) program here at Patrick Henry College. I'm delighted that you have decided to join us, and hope that you find your classes edifying and conducive to fulfilling God's call on your life! Classes officially begin this Thursday, January 18th!

As the DL 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.

On Wednesday, January 10th, Mr. Stephen Pierce, Director of Student Recruitment in our Admissions Department, myself, and three of our spring DL faculty held a DL orientation webinar along with several Spring DL students. Here is the link to the recording: <https://www.phc.edu/dl-orientation> . We covered much of what follows below as well as answering student questions.

If you're new to DL, you should have received from the Registrar your PHC email address and login information to access the student portal, which you can find at (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) 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, will come to your PHC email address, so please check it regularly. Please refrain from using your personal email address once you have your PHC email up and running. Our spring DL faculty will shortly be communicating with you via email. However, if you haven't heard from your professors by the end of the day, Wednesday, January 17th, please feel free to contact them via your PHC email.

Each DL course meets for one weekly 60 minute live session. The times are posted on the PHC DL webpage (<https://www.phc.edu/distance-learning>). They are as follows:

BIB213 Theology of the Bible II (Darrel Cox, Ph.D.)
Live Sessions: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am E.T.

CLA213 Logic (Matthew Roberts, Ph.D.)
Live Sessions: Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 pm E.T.

HIS233 History of Western Civilization II (Brett Jeschke, M.A.)
Live Sessions: Mondays, 8:00-9:00 pm E.T.

LIT223 Western Literature II (Cory Grewell, Ph.D.)
Live Sessions: Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 pm E.T.

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. 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. DL faculty have been updating their Canvas pages, getting ready for the beginning of classes.

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 or call (540) 441-8860. Mrs. Kim Estep, the Director of the Bookstore, will be happy to help you with ordering your textbooks or getting online access. Be sure to do this ASAP so as to have your books in hand when classes begin this week.

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.

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 (<https://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>.
- Study Support Center: Contact ssc@phc.edu. (This service is not available for Summer DL classes).

Thank you for joining us, and I hope you have a good Spring '24 term! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Flourish in the riches of Christ,
Dr. Roberts