

### Course News

**Week 1: Roundup!**

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Hello, 101ers.

**ABOUT THE ROUNDUP**

I usually post a weekly “roundup” message every Saturday, to wrap up what we talked about, and to provide some hints toward the writing assignment for each week. But first, let’s review the items that count toward your Week 1 grade:

- Contribute to the two graded discussions, which include an overview of workplace messages and an introduction to writing routine informative messages.
- Draft Writing Assignment 1 and post the draft in the Week 1 Dropbox.
- Complete Editing Exercise 1 (ungraded practice) and Quiz 1 (graded).

Here at the end of the week, if you have taken an active part in our discussions (see the “How to Earn Maximum Discussion Credit” file in the Doc Sharing area), and done the editing exercise and quiz, you're in good shape to finish your draft of the Writing Assignment and then submit it to the Week 1 Dropbox.

**BRING THE DETAILS!**

I’m noticing that a number of you are posting messages in the discussions that say what you WOULD do to fix or change a given passage (e.g., “I would replace this paragraph with a sentence about the request.”). Please get in the habit of actually *DOING* the change, show the end result (e.g., “I would replace the entire first paragraph with Please e-mail us your sales brochure some time this week; we need it to make a decision for our budget.”).

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**Week 1: Welcome to FOOD 101**

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Hello, class.

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Professor Monella, here—welcome to FOOD 101!

Take a look at the syllabus and you’ll see that you’ll be working on four major projects: one every two weeks. In order to be able to do well on these projects, every week you can expect to do three things:

1. Read in the textbook (and elsewhere) about a communication strategy and a grammatical approach.
2. Work through a practice grammar exercise, and then take a quiz on the same grammar topic.
3. Take part in our online discussions, where we will share with each other about the best practices for the topics we’re working on.

By doing these three things, you’ll have a good foundation for drafting and then finalizing each of your four writing projects.

A good approach to our class is to think of each week as having a beginning, middle, and end:

- At the beginning of the week (Monday or Tuesday), take in some information: read the textbook, work on the grammar exercises.
- During the middle of the week (Wednesday and Thursday), share what you know and what you want to know. Use the discussion forums—remember, you have to post your first messages in each graded discussion no later than Wednesday each week.
- At the end of the week (Friday and Saturday), bring it all together: draft or finalize your project writing and take the grammar quiz.

You might have noticed that I didn’t mention Sunday. I try to take one day “off” from class every week, and I encourage you also to budget your time so you can balance your work, family, and school commitments.

I’m here for you when you want to talk. Definitely e-mail me, post a message in our weekly Q&A discussion, or set up a phone call. This class works best when everyone contributes, so thank you for being an active part of our course. I’ll see you in the Week 1 discussions!

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