An Important Message for Students in Physical Geography

You have enrolled in an online course at your college that is taught by an instructor at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, Illinois through Illinois Community Colleges Online (ILCCO).

Host Institution: IVCC  
IVCC Course Number: GEG 1002 100  
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End date: July 26, 2011  
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To get started…

1. **Attend an orientation session.** While this may not be required at your college, we recommend that you participate in an orientation session. If you are interested in participating in an orientation, which can be completed online, please contact Sue_Mertel@ivcc.edu.

2. **Visit your online instructor’s Web page.** There you will find more information about your online course. The instructor’s Web page may provide a copy of the syllabus and a welcome letter or introduction to the course. You are expected to review this information by the first day of class.

3. **Log into your class the first day of school.** Most online classes use a virtual classroom environment called Blackboard (http://ivcc.blackboard.com). You will also need to:
   - Watch your email accounts for further information from IVCC.
   - Remember that IVCC uses the Blackboard Learning System for online classes. If your institution also uses Blackboard, this course will not show up in your My Courses List at your college.
   - Keep in mind that the course number listed on the course syllabus may be different to the course number used at your school.

**Your Blackboard Login Information:** Your username is your email address and your password is the last four digits of the phone number on record with your school (example1234). Blackboard address: http://ivcc.blackboard.com

After logging into Blackboard, you may find your online course listed in the My Courses area. Otherwise you will need to follow the self-enroll instructions. This is explained more fully in the orientation. **Your course may not be available until the first day of classes.** Instructions for using Blackboard are available at http://www.ivcc.edu/myivcc. If you experience any trouble accessing your course by the first day, please email or call your instructor or the Learning Technologies office.