
Welcome to Strengths I/ II Online

Dear Student,

Welcome to distance education at Cuesta College! My name is Jeff Jones, and I will be your instructor in the upcoming online version of Strengths I/II (ENGR252A/ B). This letter is to inform you of some important details prior to the commencement of the online class. Please read this page carefully!!

Book Requirements

You will need to purchase your textbook for the class. The textbook "Mechanics of Materials, 4th ed. by Beer/Johnston" is the required text. Class4me.me has a copy of this older edition for everyone . You can pick up your copy for the semester at the Reserve Desk in the library.) Please return at the end of the term. This is an old edition and cannot be purchased in the bookstore. You are free to use the reserve copies or go online to amazon.com and buy a used copy for a fraction of what the current version is selling for, about \$160. You will also need the "Strengths Companion" and it can be downloaded free at www.Class4me.me.

Web Site Requirements

You will need to purchase access to Class4me.me as this is the site that will be managing the course. It will have the weekly activities including quizzes, videos, and homework assignments. It will cost you \$75 to get access to class4me.me for the semester and you will pay this fee through the web site. Using this site will save you \$175 over a traditional format class as you won't need to purchase the textbook (\$160) or the videos (\$90) on YourOtherTeacher.com. This one site has the videos embedded in it.

ONLINE LECTURES

There are several ways to learn the material on your own:

- Read the book.
- Attend the face to face section of the class.
- Watching the streaming video lectures online at Class4me.me (note the url extension is **.me**, not **.com**).

Orientation/ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The orientation consists of the student reading the FAQs and browsing the links on the site. Email me if you need further information. <http://academic.cuesta.edu/jjones/engr52/index.htm>

Meetings

The only required meetings will be on the 4 exam days (**Tuesday's and Thursday's at 10:30 am**). Students who can't make it at 10:30 am **may** be able to take the exams with the non-online class at 7:30 pm on the same days. If you are in the online class and wish to take the test at 7:30 pm, you will need to coordinate with Dr. Elghandour to see if he has space for you. This coordination needs to take place at least one week before the exam. Please make sure your class schedule allows you to come at either 10:30 am or 7:30 pm. Exams may last up to 2 hours. The 10:30 am exams will be in room 3406 (SLO campus), see Cuesta's schedule for the location of the 7:30 pm class. There are no provisions for anyone who misses any of these exams. Let me know if you are having problems with anything related to the course.

See syllabus and web site for more information