

LCC class meets in person, online

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Incoming freshmen and returning students will have an innovative way to find their futures in the spring as Laredo Community College unveils a new developmental course, which will be taught both online and face-to-face.

For Advanced College Reading, READ 0375 E01, 25 percent of instruction will be in the classroom; the other 75 percent will be online.

The hybrid course is the first of its kind at LCC.

Class advocates "We have received tremendous support from our students to offer a course such as this because many are looking for convenience," said Elenisa Vasquez, LCC reading instructor.

"This is a perfect course for those students who have busy schedules with family, work, or school."

"Students are still required to meet with their assigned instructor(s) at least once a week," said Carolyn Schmies, chair for LCC's reading and communication studies department.

"This course gives students the flexibility of turning in assignments, tests and quizzes at their own pace."

"It's very difficult for someone to go to school while they have a job or a family to raise," Vasquez said.

"With this hybrid course, it gives students a helping hand to continue their education(s)."

According to Vasquez, students can turn in work and take assessments online, as well as have access to PowerPoint and other study tools.

Main ideas, outlining and vocabulary are some of the topics that will be covered in class.

"This is an advantage because it will help students stay on track with the course, and also will allow the instructor to reteach or help clarify any online material the students may have trouble with," Vasquez added.

The course will be offered at LCC's Fort McIntosh Campus only.

For more information on the Advanced College Reading hybrid course, contact Vasquez at 721-5412 or elenisa.vasquez@laredo.edu.

Registration for the spring semester is under way.

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