**NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

SLS 1122

CRN 15763

**Professor  Information**

Dr. Mia Pierre

**Email:**

Please e-mail me in Canvas if you have any questions regarding the course.

**Office Phone Number:**

**407-582-4874**

**Office Location:**

Fall 2020 Online

**Engagement Hours/Office Hours**

Monday 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Tuesday 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Wednesday 3:00 pm -5:00 pm

Thursday 3:00 pm -5:00 pm

Friday By Appointment Only

My office hours are for academic advising, questions about the course or help with assignments.

If you want to meet with me Virtually Monday -Thursday you need to set up an appointment using the [Book a Faculty Advising Appointment with Dr. Pierre](https://drpierrevalenciacollege8496.setmore.com) area in the course this is a Zoom meeting.

Use these [Instructions for Zoom Meeting](/courses/80275/files/17424209/download?wrap=1)  if you need assistance accessing the meeting.

If you want to meet with me Virtually on Friday or cannot meet with me during designated office hours you need to email me in Canvas, with 2 options for a time and how you would like the meeting to occur over the phone  or Zoom.

Please allow 24-48 hours during the week for the professor to reply to all student emails.

**Course Information**

**Course Description**

The New Student Experience is designed to assist students in formulating their purpose in life. Through self-discovery, students will investigate their interests, strengths and personal values that align with their educational and career goals. Emphasis is on orientation to college, integrated student success skills, and the development of an individualized education plan. Students will learn and integrate practical applications to communicate across diverse populations.

**Prerequisite**

None

**Modality of Instruction**

Online

**Length of Course/Course Structure**

This course is structured into 16 weeks.

**Course Communication**

**E-mail:**  In the Canvas Inbox

**Required Course Materials**

**Textbook:** *CliftonStrengths for Students: Your Strengths Journey Begins Here* from Gallup Press (ISBN:978-1595621252)

The Campus Store has the hardback *CliftonStrengths for Students* and assessment code available for purchase for $26.70. If you are a student that needs to utilize financial aid to pay for the book you will need to purchase the text in the Campus Store

**Online Option for the Textbook:** If you want to purchase the E-book and assessment code you can do so for $11.99 through the strengthsquest.com website using this [link (external link).](https://www.strengthsquest.com/225683/receive-educator-discount-price.aspx)

**Access to:** Canvas

**Supplies:**

* Computer or Laptop, you cannot submit course work  in Canvas on a cell phone it is not secure or guaranteed the coursework will submit on time or in the proper format.
* Before you begin this course we will be using Canvas as a Learning Management System. Please be sure to become familiar with Canvas at the Canvas 101.
* Download for free the [Microsoft  Office Suite](https://valenciacollege.edu/about/support/documents/Valencia_Office-ProPlus-Instructions.pdf), this will give you access to Word, Powerpoint and Excel
* Review the [Zoom meeting instructions](/api/v1/canvadoc_session?blob=%7B%22moderated_grading_whitelist%22:null,%22enable_annotations%22:null,%22enrollment_type%22:null,%22anonymous_instructor_annotations%22:null,%22submission_id%22:null,%22user_id%22:107920000000002303,%22attachment_id%22:17154771,%22type%22:%22canvadoc%22%7D&hmac=e699792056f84d28fa9ba85baa21731f304f4259) for meetings during office hours and professor lectures

**Major Learning Learning Outcomes and Objectives**

The New Student Experience course incorporates a variety of learning activities that help the student identify their purpose, assist with the alignment of educational and career aspirations, and increase a student’s self-awareness about the skills they need in order to be successful. To achieve this, students will engage in unique experiences in and out of class that are aligned with the six learning outcomes for the course:

**Purpose-**

Students will create a personal purpose statement that outlines and articulates their values, goals, interests, and strengths in relation to their educational and career aspirations.

**Pathway-**

Students will choose an academic program aligned with their educational/career goals, interests, strengths, and values.

**Plan-**

Students will design an education plan that include goals for learning and a financial plan.

**Preparation-**

Students will apply college success skills.

**Personal Connection-**

Students will demonstrate effective communication skills with diverse groups

**Place-**

Students will demonstrate awareness of college support systems.

**General Policies**

**Attendance Policy:**

Students need to log into the Canvas course and complete assignments, projects, quizzes at least 3 times a week.

This will help students  to stay on track with the course, complete coursework on time.

Students should contact the professor in Canvas email if they need assistance.

Please refer to Valencia College's [Academic Progress, Course Attendance and Grades, and Withdrawal (Link)](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/documents/Volume4/4-07-Academic-Progress-Course-Attendance-and-Grades-and-Withdrawals.pdf)

**Netiquette**

The principles of  [How We Treat Each Other](/courses/88191/files/16220355/download?wrap=1) and netiquette are what we are going to follow as we engage with each other in the course.

The term "netiquette" refers to the awareness of the need for a certain code of behavior (etiquette) in electronic environments (the net) ... Net + Etiquette = netiquette. Netiquette, while a general term, is complex at specific levels because there are so many different kinds of electronic environments, and so many different situations in which we may find ourselves in those environments.   
Since this class will be focusing on areas where electronic communication play a key, if as yet undefined role in technical and professional communication, it is our responsibility to be aware of our textual presence as it reflects upon our professional responsibilities, to ourselves and to our parents and students.   
In order to maintain a positive online environment for our class, we all need to follow the netiquette guidelines summarized below.

**All students are expected to:**

Show respect for the instructor and for other students in the class

Respect the privacy of other students

Express differences of opinion in a polite and rational way

Maintain an environment of constructive criticism when commenting on the work of other students

Avoid bringing up irrelevant topics when involved in group discussions or other collaborative activities.

The following list summarizes the kind of behavior that is not acceptable. Each item listed below is grounds for removal from the class.

**Students should not:**

Show disrespect for the instructor or for other students in the class

Send messages or comments that are threatening, harassing, or offensive

Use inappropriate or offensive language

Convey a hostile or confrontational tone when communicating or working collaboratively with other students

USE ALL UPPERCASE IN THEIR MESSAGES -- THIS IS THE EQUIVALENT OF SHOUTING!!!

 Please refer Valencia College's [Netiquette Resources (Link)](http://valenciacollege.edu/oit/learning-technology-services/student-resources/academic-integrity/netiquette.cfm)

**Class Participation:**

* Students need to respond to 2 students in every discussion post in the course.
* Students please keep in mind the writing in this course  will represent you in this situation. As such, you are expected to use college-level writing. Any use of texting style writing, (using the lowercase "i" to refer to yourself, not using complete sentences, or improper capitalization), will result in points deducted from this assignment.
* Students need to log into the Canvas course and complete assignments, projects, quizzes 3 times a week or more.
* This will help students to stay on track with the course, complete coursework on time and contact the professor if you need assistance.
* Students should consider being a college student as a full-time job.
* Students should ask for help when needed from an instructor, tutor, or another student.

**Attendance Policy:**

If you do not log in to the course during the first week and complete the Academically Related Attendance Activity which is **Module 1 Graded Activities (which includes discussion, online readiness assignment and syllabus quiz)** you will be withdrawn from the class as a "no show". Class attendance is required for online classes; students who are not actively participating in an online class and/or do not submit the required attendance activity or assignment by the scheduled due date must be withdrawn by the instructor at the end of the first week as a "no show". If you are withdrawn as a “no show,” you will be financially responsible for the class and a final grade of “WN” will appear on your transcript for the course.

This is an online course, available 24/7, managed through Canvas. You must have access to the Internet to complete the course requirements. Your online attendance will be checked based on your participation in the course and submission of coursework. In the event of an extended absence, you should contact me via email or phone as soon as possible to indicate the reason. If you do not access the course website or contact me letting me know of your absence for a period of seven consecutive days, you will be contacted and if there is no communication within 48 hours, you will be placing yourself in jeopardy of not successfully completing the course.

Communication with the professor is key to your success in the course.

**Make Up/Late Work Policy:**

* Students are responsible for completing work  **before** the due date. All assignments will be due before 10:00 pm on the due date. Once the assignment is due and closed it will no longer be available to submit in the course. The professor will not reopen an assignment, project, discussion or quiz.  Students are also responsible for any announcements made in Canvas.
* Do not not submit coursework in Canvas using a cell phone or .pages this file will not open in Canvas.
* Technology problems are no excuse for lateness you need to ensure you have all of the proper equipment  and connectivity to be successful in an online environment.
* Since most of the course assignments are due on Saturday nights before 10:00 pm, please do not wait until the weekend to ask me questions.  It is a pretty good bet that you will not hear from me before your assignment is due.  Get into the habit of checking your weekly assignments and learning/reading requirements on Monday. Begin your assignments in time to ask me questions before Friday.

**Withdraw Policy**

**Administrative Withdrawal:**

If you owe the college any money after the end of the Drop/Add period, the college has the option to withdraw you from all registered classes. You will still owe the balance plus any other fees if they are charged. You are not eligible for a refund.

**Student Initiated Drop:**

You can drop a class or all of your classes before the end of the Drop/Add period **August 31st  2020**and are entitled to a 100% refund of the refundable fees. Your Valencia account will be credited, and after all fees have been paid, a check or charge card credit will be issued. Refer to the college catalog for further information.

**Student Initiated Withdrawal:**

Students may withdraw from a class or all of your classes after the end of the official Drop/Add period (see above) but before the withdrawal deadline **October 30th 2020 before 11:59 pm**  However, you are not eligible for a refund. If you owe the college any money, you will still have to pay that balance. A student is not permitted to withdraw from a class after the withdrawal deadline. According to [Valencia policy (Link)](http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/academicpoliciesprocedures/courseattemptscoursewithdrawal/) a student who withdraws from class before the established deadline for a particular term will receive a grade of “W. The “W” will not be calculated in your grade point average; however, the enrollment will count in your total attempts in the specific course. A “W” may affect your financial aid status and may require repayment of federal financial aid. A student is not permitted to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline. Refer to the college catalog for further information.

***Student must meet with Dr. Mia Pierre BEFORE they withdraw from the class.***

A student is not permitted to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline **October 30th 2020 before 11:59 pm** .

**If students do not withdraw  from the class because of attendance, BEFORE the deadline, but they have excessive missing assignments and absences the final course grade will result in an “F”.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE: If the students final  grade in the class is not 50% or higher before the withdraw deadline of the course they will not be able to take the final exam at the end of the term.**

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**Class Deletion:**

Students are responsible for payment for all classes not dropped from your schedule by the Drop/Refund Deadline listed in the Important College Calendar Dates section of the catalog and in the Credit Class Schedule. Non-attendance in any course(s) will not qualify you for a waiver of your financial responsibility for the course(s).  If you do not pay by the specified date and time, you may lose all of your classes and will have to attempt to re-register. It is your responsibility to review your account with the college.

If you have further questions please contact the [Business Office (Link)](http://valenciacollege.edu/businessoffice/policies.cfm).

**Student Code of Conduct**

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| Valencia College is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but it is concerned with the development of responsible personal and social conduct.  By enrolling at Valencia College, a student assumes the responsibility for becoming familiar with and abiding by the general rules of conduct.  The primary responsibility for managing the classroom environment rests with the faculty.  Students who engage in any prohibited or unlawful acts that result in disruption of a class may be directed by the faculty member to leave the classroom. Violation of any classroom or Valencia’s rules may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from Valencia.  Disciplinary action could include being withdrawn from class, disciplinary warning, probation, suspension, expulsion, or other appropriate and authorized actions.  You will find the Student Code of Conduct in the current Valencia Student Handbook.    You are expected to do all of your own work on all tests.  Giving or receiving information concerning exam content is considered cheating.  In NO instance will cheating of any type be tolerated.  All work must be your own; any student involved in cheating or plagiarism (including the use of another student’s work or work not cited from the text) may receive a grade of “F” on a specific assignment, examination, or project, or may be assigned a grade of “F” for the course.  The instructor(s) reserves the right to determine penalties within Valencia College's academic honesty policies. In other words, plagiarism is an act of fraud. It involves both stealing someone else's work and lying about it afterward. Please refer to Valencia College's [Plagiarism Resources (Link)](http://valenciacollege.edu/oit/learning-technology-services/student-resources/academic-integrity/plagiarism.cfm).  Valencia Academic Dishonesty Policy:  All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia College. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, acts or attempted acts of plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, facilitating academic dishonesty, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive.  All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the students' individual thoughts, research, and self-expression. Whenever a student uses ideas, wording, or organization from another source, the source shall be appropriately acknowledged.  Students shall take special notice that the assignment of course grades is the responsibility of the students' individual professor.  Please refer to Valencia College's [Academic Dishonesty policy (Link)](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/documents/Volume8/8-11-Academic-Dishonesty.pdf)  In addition, please follow college policy relating to children on campus.  Please make arrangements for childcare outside the classroom.    Office for Students with Disabilities:  Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a Notification to Instructor (NTI) form and/or letter from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities.  Valencia is committed to ensuring that all of its programs and services are accessible to students with disabilities. The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) determines reasonable and appropriate accommodations for qualified students with documented disabilities based upon the need and impact of the specific disability. To obtain a letter of accommodation, contact OSD at 407-582-2229.  For more information refer to the [Office for Students with Disabilities (Link)](http://valenciacollege.edu/osd/default.cfm).  **BayCare Student Assistance Services:**  Valencia College has contracted with a private and confidential counseling service to provide short-term assistance to credit students who need to resolve problems that are affecting their college performance. Examples might include: stress, relationship/family issues, alcohol/drug problems, eating disorders, depression, and gender issues.  Students who are experiencing any of these issues and who are enrolled in credit classes at Valencia should call the toll-free number 1-800-878-5470 to speak to a professional counselor. If needed, the counselor may refer the student to appropriate resources or to speak face-to-face with a licensed counselor. For more information, call or visit a Counselor in the Advising Center on any campus.  BayCare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470 or via email at BayCareSAP@baycare.org. Free face-to-face counseling is also available.  For more information refer to [BayCare (Link)](http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/studentservices/baycarestudentassistanceservices/).    **Title IX: DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RELATED MISCONDUCT**  **Notice of Non-Discrimination Based on Protected Status**   * It is the policy of the District Board of Trustees to provide equal opportunity for employment and educational opportunities to all applicants for employment, employees, applicants for admission, students, and others affiliated with the College, without regard to race, ethnicity, color, national origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, sex/gender, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, and any other factor protected under applicable federal, state, and local civil rights laws, rules and regulations (collectively referred to as “Protected Status”). * In addition, Valencia College (“Valencia” or “College”) strives to be a community in which all members can learn and work in an atmosphere free from all forms of Harassment, including Sexual Harassment, discrimination, intimidation and/or retaliation. This Policy prohibits all forms of Discrimination and Harassment based on Protected Status. It expressly, therefore, also prohibits Sexual Assault and Sexual Exploitation, which by definition involve conduct of a sexual nature and are prohibited forms of Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment. This Policy further prohibits Stalking and Interpersonal Violence, which need not be based on an individual’s Protected Status. Finally, this Policy prohibits Complicity for knowingly assisting in an act that violates this Policy and Retaliation against an individual because of his or her good faith participation in the reporting, investigation, and/or adjudication of violations of this Policy. These behaviors are collectively referred to in this Policy as Prohibited Conduct. * All members of the College community are responsible for conducting themselves in accordance with this Policy and other College policies and procedures. Valencia students and employees who violate this Policy may face discipline up to and including expulsion or termination. * The College’s protection of these statuses is grounded in federal, state, and local laws. The College encourages all community members to take reasonable and prudent actions to prevent or stop Prohibited Conduct. Taking action may include direct intervention when safe to do so, seeking assistance from a person in authority at the College, enlisting the assistance of friends, contacting law enforcement, or contacting Campus Safety and Security. Members of the College community who exercise this positive responsibility will be supported by the College and protected from Retaliation. * The College has an obligation to make reasonable efforts to investigate and address known or suspected instances of Prohibited Conduct. To foster a climate that encourages prevention and reporting of Prohibited Conduct , the College will actively promote prevention efforts, educate the College community, respond to all reports promptly, provide Interim Protective Measures to address safety and emotional well-being, and act in a manner that recognizes the inherent dignity of the individuals involved.   **Sexual or Gender Based Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Interpersonal Violence, and Stalking**   * Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 states that: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. * Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, and Retaliation, as defined in this Policy, are prohibited forms of discrimination under Title IX, which covers all of the College’s programs and activities. Like racial, religious, and national origin Harassment, Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment and Sexual Violence are also prohibited under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 760 et al, F.S., and other applicable laws. * The College’s prohibition against Interpersonal Violence (including domestic and dating violence) and Stalking is also governed by federal law because these forms of behavior a reprohibited by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act, 20 U.S.C.§ 1092(f) (the Clery Act) and Section 304 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. Such acts violate the essential dignity of our community member(s) and are contrary to our institutional values. * The College, as an educational community, will promptly and equitably respond to reports of Sexual Assault, Interpersonal Violence, and Stalking in order to eliminate the Harassment, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects on any individual or the community. The College recognizes that Sexual Assault, Interpersonal Violence, and Stalking encompass a broad spectrum of conduct and will respond according to both the severity of the offense and the threat it poses to the campus community.   For more information on Title IX and Valencia refer to the [College's website (Link)](https://valenciacollege.edu/hr/title-ix/policy.cfm).  **FERPA**  The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is a federal law regarding privacy of student records. These rights are transferred to students when he or she reaches the age of eighteen or attends a school beyond the high school level at any age. Due to confidentiality and this law, grades and course progress can only be discussed with the student. |

**Grading Scale**

A - 90-100

B - 80-89

C - 70-79

D - 60-69

F - 0-59

Disclaimer

Changes to the course (including the syllabus) may be made at the discretion of the professor, and students will be notified of any changes in class or announcements in Canvas.

If you cannot access syllabus via Canvas, please print out this copy of syllabus.

**College Links**

These links will be very useful as you navigate the course on online:

[Valencia Academic Calendar](http://valenciacollege.edu/calendar/)

[Valencia Catalog](http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/)

[Valencia Policies](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/)

[Valencia Student Handbook](http://valenciacollege.edu/pdf/student-handbook.pdf)

[Learning/Course Support](http://valenciacollege.edu/learning-support/)

[Learning Support by Campus](http://valenciacollege.edu/learning-support/browse-by-campus.cfm)

[Learning Technology Support/Services](/courses/63524/pages/technology-support-and-privacy-policies)

[Canvas Student Guide](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701)

[Obtain Microsoft Office for Free](http://valenciacollege.edu/support/howto/documents/Valencia_Office-ProPlus-Instructions.pdf)

[Student Services](http://valenciacollege.edu/student-services/)

## Course Summary:

| **Date** | **Details** | **Due** |
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| Sat Aug 29, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: Online Readiness](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040720) | due by 10pm |
| Assignment [Quiz: Syllabus](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040707) | due by 10pm |
| Mon Aug 31, 2020 | Assignment [Discussion: Introduce Yourself](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040709) | due by 10pm |
| Sat Sep 5, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: Weekly Schedule and Reflection](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040723) | due by 10pm |
| Assignment [Quiz: Time Management](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040706) | due by 10pm |
| Tue Sep 8, 2020 | Assignment [Discussion: Janeen's Schedule](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040710) | due by 10pm |
| Sat Sep 12, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: College Success Skills](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040717) | due by 10pm |
| Sat Sep 19, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: CliftonStrengths for Students Expression](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040716) | due by 10pm |
| Mon Sep 28, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: Purpose Pecha Kucha](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040722) | due by 10pm |
| Sat Oct 3, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: Place Co-Curricular](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040721) | due by 10pm |
| Sat Oct 10, 2020 | Assignment [Civic Engagement Quiz](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040708) | due by 10pm |
| Mon Oct 12, 2020 | Assignment [Discussion: The Single Story](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040712) | due by 10pm |
| Mon Oct 19, 2020 | Assignment [Discussion: Interpersonal Communication in the Workplace](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040711) | due by 10pm |
| Wed Oct 21, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: Career Interview](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040715) | due by 10pm |
| Fri Oct 23, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: Guided Career Exploration Research](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040719) | due by 10pm |
| Sun Nov 1, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: Academic Blueprint: Part 1](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040713) | due by 10pm |
| Fri Nov 6, 2020 | Assignment [Assignment: Academic Blueprint: Part 2](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040714) | due by 10pm |
| Sat Nov 14, 2020 | Assignment [Quiz: Financial Planning](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040705) | due by 10pm |
| Sat Dec 5, 2020 | Assignment [NSE Faculty Advising Meeting](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040725) | due by 10pm |
| Assignment [Submit: NSE Final Exam](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2040726) | due by 10pm |
|  | Assignment [Event Extra Credit](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2298263) |  |
| Assignment [Faculty Feedback Extra Credit](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/80275/assignments/2298264) |  |