# Distance Learning Student Guide

SPRING 2021







# BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

# **Complete Admissions File**

District Admissions 601.857.3212

http://www.hindscc.edu/admissions/

# Take care of all Financial Obligations

District Financial Aid 601.857.3223 District Business Office 601.857.3205

# Complete BOSS program to prepare for online classes

https://hindscc.instructure.com/courses/55365

# Get your textbooks

Starting Jan 04, 2020, you can purchase your textbooks from the online bookstore.

Some courses will utilize an eBook and/or online resources, and the cost is included as part of your fee for the course.

https://bookstore.hindscc.edu/

(Link will be available one week before classes begin)

# Set up your Hinds email account

MyHinds Bridge: http://my.hindscc.edu/

It is important to check your official Hinds email address multiple times a week, as the college and your instructors will often times send you important messages only to this email address.

(This is different than your Canvas Inbox)

# **Accessing Your Courses**

Go to: http://hindscc.instructure.com

#### Username

Your HindsNet username will be the first initial of your last name, followed by your full Hinds ID number.

#### **Password**

Your initial password is your first and last initials (capitalized) + six digit date of birth + the \$ sign.

#### For Example:

John Smith (Hinds ID number 1234567), who was born on Jan 1, 1970, would use the following login information:

Username: \$1234567 Password: J\$010170\$

Once logged in to your Canvas site, go to Courses on the left side of the screen to access your courses.



# **Tutoring**

NetTutor is a free 24/7 live virtual tutor. You can find NetTutor located in the menu buttons on the left navigation menu in each of your courses.

You can also access On Campus tutoring on any of the Hinds Community College campuses. For more information, use the link below:



https://www.hindscc.edu/student-services (under Learning Assistance)



Help Desk 601.857.3344



Canvas Technical Assistance 1.855.305.2755



#### **Proctored Tests**

Students in online classes are required to take proctored exams in each class. All proctored exams must be taken at an approved proctoring site. For more information, visit:

https://www.hindscc.edu/online/proctored-testing

#### Withdrawal Information

Students may begin withdrawing from an online course after the add/drop period ends. See below under important dates area for add/drop dates.

Please note that the last day to withdraw from online classes is different than traditional classes. Please see the Important Dates area for the last day to withdraw.

#### Textbooks

To see what textbook will be used for your online course(s), please click on the link below. Online students will choose the Raymond/Online Academic Term and the section indicated with a "V" for virtual to receive the correct textbook for your class.

https://bookstore.hindscc.edu/

Your course schedule will provide course, section and instructor information.



# MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLINE COURSES

- Students must own or have permanent access to a computer with a consistent internet connection. Maintaining internet access is the student's responsibility.
- (iii) Students must activate and use their Hinds email for college related communications
- Basic Computer Skills



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR ONLINE CLASSES

| Description          | Spring-F   | ull | 1 <sup>st</sup> 8 | wks    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 wks |
|----------------------|------------|-----|-------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| First Day of Class   | 01/19      |     | 01/19             |        | 03/15                 |
| Add/Drop             | 01/19 & 20 | )   | 01/19             | 9 & 20 | 03/15 & 16            |
| Last Day to Withdraw | 04/02      |     | 02/20             | 6      | 04/23                 |
| Last Day of Classes  | 04/30      |     | 03/12             | 2      | 05/07                 |
| 4 Week Terms         | January    | Fe  | ebruary           | March  | April                 |
| First Day of Class   | 01/19      |     | 02/15             | 03/15  | 04/12                 |
| Add/Drop             | 01/19      |     | 02/15             | 03/15  | 04/12                 |
| Last Day to Withdraw | 02/05      |     | 03/05             | 04/02  | 04/30                 |
| Last Day of Classes  | 02/12      |     | 03/12             | 04/09  | 05/07                 |

The above dates may be different than your traditional classes.



### FINANCIAL AID

Federal Student Aid can only pay for classes that count toward your degree or certificate. Your program of study can be found by going to your My.Hinds account, clicking on Students, Academic Profile and then My Profile.

Courses required by your program of study can be found by going to the catalog and then program of study on the Hinds website.

http://catalog.hindscc.edu/

# Fees Deadlines

| Term                           | Date  | For More Information |                      |  |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Spring Full Term               | 01/01 | Financial Aid:       | 601.857.3223         |  |
| Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> 8 Weeks | 01/01 | Business Office:     | 601.857.3205         |  |
| Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 Weeks | 03/01 |                      |                      |  |
| January 4 Week                 | 01/01 | 1 '                  | l in multiple terms, |  |
| February 4 Week                | 01/01 | your fees are due i  | in the month your f  |  |
| March 4 Week                   | 03/01 |                      |                      |  |
| April 4 week                   | 03/01 |                      |                      |  |



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McLendon Library eLearning Center, Raymond Campus
601.857.3834
distancelearning@hindscc.edu

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