



INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS COURSE

WELCOME PROTOCOL FOR NEW STUDENTS

The following are guidelines for the instructors of what to tell new students when they first arrive.

These guidelines should be covered very slowly, bearing in mind that the learning system is completely new to the students.

1 – The learning system

- Learning through video tutorials, no teachers
- Learning through a lot of hands-on practice with the video as a guide
- Individual learning, you can go as slow or as fast as you need. No restrictions on how much time you need to cover the course
- Trying and failing as many times as needed is highly recommended, it is the best way to learn

2 – Learning through videos

- Just watching the videos is useless for learning !!!
- Process of working with a video
 - First, you have to watch the full video once, without trying to replicate what the video is doing

- Then, you have to work with little pieces of the video
 - You watch a piece that you can afford to remember...
 - then you try to replicate what you have seen without watching the video...
 - then you replay the piece of the video as much as needed and try to do what the video is doing

3 – Dealing with problems

- You will have an instructor ready to solve any problems. However, you should address the instructor only after you have really tried to solve it by yourself, and if not, after you have tried to solve it asking some of your colleagues

4 – Assignments

- Together with the videos you will be able to find a document with “Assignments”. After watching the full video you should read the assignments that you have to do while or after watching the video. Sometimes the assignments document will refer to some files that you will find in the folder of the corresponding tutorial
- You should deliver the assignments to the instructor before proceeding to the next video. Don't go to the next video without the permission of the instructor.

5 – How to work with the video and the programs

- A detailed explanation by the instructor on how to use the two screens, the VLC player program (pausing, stopping, going backwards and forward, playing at different speeds...)

Finally, instructors should explain students that the first day of using two screens with a video can be frustrating at times. They should understand that this frustration is normal and belongs to the normal process of this learning system.