



# Tools for Thought

Using Math and English to Explore Contemporary Issues

A College of San Mateo Learning Community  
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Should wolves live in the Western United States?  
How should the United States respond to the world AIDS crisis?  
Will there be any salmon left fifty years from now?  
Will men and women really become equal?



Through mathematics and writing, this learning community will grapple with these and other questions about our environment, our lives, and our ways of thinking. Using mathematical tools to understand the significance of data about this world, we will then explore, through readings and essay writing, the ideas generated from the facts we encounter.

Join a community of students who will work together to explore controversial issues while learning to use essential intellectual tools.



This learning community is a combination of two courses: Math 120 and English 100, along with two workshop hours to fulfill the hour-by-arrangement requirement. The Tools for Thought Learning Community will increase your chances for success in these courses.

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Consists of:

MATH 120	MTWThF	10:10	11:00	Burke, M.	12-173	5.0
ENGL 100	MWF	11:10	12:00	Mach, J.	12-173	3.0
Workshop	TTh	11:10	12:00	Burke/Mach	12-173	

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## Learning in Communities: Linking People and Concepts

A learning community ...

- is an innovative approach to learning designed for student success
- links two or more classes together with common themes, content, and materials
- is a group of students and faculty working collaboratively in a friendly, supportive atmosphere
- explores connections between different disciplines and subject matter

When you enroll in a learning community, you will ...

- take the same classes with the same students in the learning community
- experience a sense of community among students and instructors
- have some common readings and assignments in all classes in the learning community

To sign up for a learning community ...

- register by SMART or register online by entering the CRN for the learning community, or
- register in person, and give the CRN for the learning community

You will automatically be enrolled in all courses of the learning community.