



Student Course Information Guide

RICHLAND • WASHINGTON

- **COURSE LOCATION** (for Directions & Maps):

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- **COURSE TIMES:**

8:30 am to 4:00 pm (prompt)

- **WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING:**

The course style is relaxed and casual. The only requirement is to bring a pen or pencil (you will take lots of notes – we will supply the paper). A calculator is recommended but is not necessary.

- **AIRPORT:**

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- **HOTELS:**

- **Courtyard Marriott**

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Shuttle service from the airport - NO

- **Hampton Inn**

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Shuttle service from the airport - YES

- **Red Lion Richland**

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Shuttle service from the airport - YES

- **RESTAURANTS:**

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A Short History of Richland...

Richland's roots are grounded in science and technology. Although superimposed over the footprint of a small, riverside agricultural community incorporated in 1910, modern-day Richland dates from 1943 when the U.S. Army acquired 156 miles, including the Richland town site as the location of the Hanford Works, a primary component of the World War II project to develop the atomic bomb.



Today, most work at the site involves a gigantic cleanup effort, currently funded at more than \$2 billion a year, to restore most of the site to a near-original state. The centerpiece of this effort is the \$6.5 billion Waste Treatment Plant, currently under construction, that will transform and stabilize various types of nuclear waste into glass logs for long-term storage.

Another legacy of the work at Hanford is the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, operated by the Battelle Memorial Foundation. One of a number of national laboratories located around the nation, PNNL is unique in that it undertakes private sector research as well as serving a wide range of government clients. The laboratory currently has 3,800 scientists, researchers and other employees and is expected to grow on its 600-acre campus long into the future. As work at Hanford declines, it is expected that PNNL will become the community's primary economic driver.

Richland, with 2002 population of 41,000, is a part of the rapidly growing Tri-Cities Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) consisting of Richland and Kennewick located in Benton County and Pasco located in Franklin County. With a population of more than 200,000, the Tri-Cities serve as the service and retail center of an eight-county area serving southeastern Washington and northeaster Oregon with a combined population of approximately 650,000.

Because of its strategic location at the confluence of the Columbia, Snake and Yakima rivers, the area's outstanding soil conditions and climate, Richland and the Tri-Cities enjoy an excellent quality of life. Located in the center of Washington's expanding wine country, the area offers extensive golf, recreation and river-oriented activities as well as more than 100 high quality wineries within an hour's drive of downtown Richland.

