

Student Guide for “Criterion ETS”

Criterion is an Online Writing Evaluation service offered by ETS. It is a computer-based scoring program designed to help you think about your writing process and communicate your ideas more effectively.

How to Register for the first time:

1. Go to <http://criterion.ets.org>.
2. Click on “**Create Account**”. (NOTE: The most common problem students have is trying to create an account when they actually already have an old one. Contact Criterion if you forgot your user name or password.)

The screenshot shows the Criterion ETS website interface. At the top left is the ETS Criterion logo. At the top right are links for HELP and CLIENT SERVICES. Below the logo is a blue horizontal bar. The main heading is "Sign In to Your Criterion® Account". Below this heading is a paragraph describing the service and a "Learn more" link. To the right is a "Quick Links" box with a link to "System Requirements (PDF)". Below the description are three bullet points for Students, Teachers, and Administrators. At the bottom, there are two registration options: "Returning User" and "New User". The "New User" section is highlighted with a red border. The "Returning User" section has input fields for "User name:" and "Password:", a "Sign In" button, and links for "Forgot User Name" and "Forgot Password". The "New User" section has two bullet points explaining the requirements for creating an account and a "Create Account" button.

ETS Criterion

HELP CLIENT SERVICES

Sign In to Your Criterion® Account

The Criterion® Online Writing Evaluation service from ETS is a web-based instructional writing tool that helps students, plan, write and revise their essays guided by instant diagnostic feedback and a Criterion score. [Learn more](#).

- Students: Have more opportunities to practice writing at their own pace, get immediate feedback and revise essays based on the feedback.
- Teachers: Can decrease their workload and free up time to concentrate on the content of students' work and teach higher level writing skills.
- Administrators: Can make data driven decisions and easily monitor district, school and classroom writing performance.

Quick Links

- [System Requirements \(PDF\)](#)

Returning User

User name:

Password:

[Sign In](#)

[Forgot User Name](#) | [Forgot Password](#)

New User

- You will need an access code from your Administrator or Instructor to create an account.
- If you used Criterion with a previous institution or class, please sign in with that user name and password. There is no need to create a new account.

[Create Account](#)

3. If you are a new user, add the Access Code provided by your instructor and fill out the remaining information requested. Remember your User Name and Password!

Create User Account Cancel

Enter the access code that was provided by your institution or class instructor. This code will connect your account to the appropriate services available to you within the Criterion system.
 For student: password must be a minimum of 6 characters.
 For non-students: The password must be at least 8 characters. The password must contain 3 of the following 4 types of characters: capital letter, lower case letter, number, or special symbols (!@#%&^*()).
 Passwords cannot be reused within a span of 5 password changes.

Access Code: -

Title:

Last Name: First Name: Middle Initial:

Email Address: (optional for students) Confirm Email Address:

User Name:

Password: Confirm Password:

Security Question: (Make a selection) Create a Custom Question:

Security Question Answer:

Submit

4. After you click *Submit*, you'll be on the "Home Page". **Click on your class name.** (NOTE: if you already have a Criterion account, when you log it there's a link in the upper left corner that lets you add your access code so that you will see your class listed below.)

ETS Criterion HOME | CLIENT SERVICES | RESOURCES | HELP

[Test Student](#) [Student](#) [Sign Out](#)

Got a new Access Code? Connect to an additional institution, a higher role in your institution, or a new class as an instructor or student:
[Enter Access Code](#)

- [Registration Instructions for Bookstore Students](#)
- [Student Guide for Beginners](#)
- [Criterion Brainshark Tutorial for Students](#)
- [Student Quick Access Guide](#)

- Notices

No records to display.

Classes [Print](#)

Class	Grade	Instructors	End Date	Account Owner	Status
<small>Inactive HED CA San Jose State University San Jose State University San Jose State University</small>					
Design 101	None	Dr. Jennifer Redd MR John Doe	Dec 31, 2014	Inactive HED CA-San Jose StateUniversity	Expiring in 20 days
EDTE-290C	College Level Second Year	Colette Rabin	Dec 31, 2014	Inactive HED CA-San Jose StateUniversity	Expiring in 20 days

5. You can either **View Assignments** or your own **Activity** for any assignment.

The screenshot shows the Criterion student interface. At the top, there are navigation links: HOME, CLIENT SERVICES, RESOURCES, and HELP. The user is logged in as 'Test Student' and can click 'Student' or 'Sign Out'. The course is 'Design 101' and the class is 'Inactive HED CA-San Jose State University, San Jose'. There are two tabs: 'ACTIVITY' (highlighted with a red box) and 'ASSIGNMENTS'. Below the tabs, a table lists assignment activity:

Assignment	Activity	Reviewer
Compare and Contrast	Attempt 1 - Jul 11, 2013 11:38:03 AM PDT	
Step by Step Bread	Attempt 1 - Jul 11, 2013 11:47:01 AM PDT	
Test1	Attempt 2 - Apr 02, 2013 11:48:48 AM PDT	
	Attempt 1 - Mar 20, 2013 11:26:42 AM PDT	

There are also links for 'View Comments' and 'View Dialogue', and a 'Print' link.

How to log in once the registration is complete

1. Go to <http://criterion.ets.org>
2. Enter your User Name and Password that **you created** in the **Returning User** box.
Note: Do not try to enter Access ID from your Instructor here. You will get an error message.
3. Click on “**Sign In**”.

The screenshot shows the 'Sign In to Your Criterion® Account' page. It includes a brief description of the service and three bullet points for students, teachers, and administrators. Below this are two main sections: 'Returning User' and 'New User'.

Returning User

User name:

Password:

[Sign In](#) (circled in red)

[Forgot User Name](#) | [Forgot Password](#)

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