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Here are some things I want you to know before we meet online.

**Textbook information:**

**TITLE:** *Understanding Intercultural Communication*, 1st edition  
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**ISBN:** 978-0-19-5330069  
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Throughout the semester, contact me privately using Desire2Learn’s mail feature that will send an e-mail to my South Central College e-mail account ([Dave.Edwards@southcentral.edu](mailto:Dave.Edwards@southcentral.edu)). Use this same e-mail address if you need to contact me before the start of the semester. I will try to answer all course e-mail quickly. However, I urge you not to save questions until Friday nights. You may also contact me by phone at 507-332-5830 (office). My office is located in room C-111 (first cubicle on the left) on the Faribault campus.

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