Blackboard Learn Went Live on July 18th!

Blackboard Learn was available for faculty to develop their fall courses on July 18th. In Fall 2012, all courses use an upgraded course management system, Blackboard Learn.

To help faculty get ready with their courses, distance learning staff have worked with online faculty extensively. The “How to Documentation” web site has been updated with instructional manuals in Blackboard Learn. The web site is at http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/fdoc.asp. We recommend faculty bookmark this page for further reference.

A faculty orientation course is available to all fall faculty at “My Blackboard Learn” page once you have logged on to Blackboard Learn.

For Fall 2012 training schedule, please see page 2 of this newsletter.

For students to learn Blackboard Learn various tools, we have developed online tutorials at http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/distance/orientation.

General Studies Fully Online!
To promote online learning, a new page, General Studies Fully Online, was developed. In collaboration with Yvonne Page in Marketing, the page is linked to a rotating advertisement directly at MxCC’s home page. More information available at http://mxcc.edu/Content/General_Studies_Online.asp

Summer 2012 Online Learning
Thirty-one fully online classes were offered with 829 registered seats (52% of credit seats), an average of 26.7 students per class. It reflects a 3.6% increase over Summer 2011.
Five on-campus orientations were provided to online students, helping them getting started with online courses.

Chinese Distance Education Delegates Visited MxCC
On July 11th, a group of 25 delegates from China distance education universities visited MxCC. The delegates participated in a forum regarding distance learning at MxCC. Delegates were comparing the differences in management of online learning and discussing the issues they face toward student performance in online learning.
Fall 2012
Technology Training Schedule

All sessions will be held in Chapman 629 unless otherwise specified.
Registration for Technology training is required.
Most up-to-date schedule is available at http://www.mxcc.edu/Content/Educational_Technology_Training.asp
Register by emailing mxccdistance@mxcc.edu with your name, email, phone number, department, time, date and title of training you would like to register.

Getting Started with Blackboard Learn
Prerequisite: No prior experience with any version of Blackboard.
An introduction to the Blackboard Learn learning management system, which provides a standardized interface and a set of online educational tools that help facilitate learning, communication and collaboration in on-ground, hybrid, and fully-online classes.

Friday 9/14/2012 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday 9/21/2012 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday 10/12/2012 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday 10/19/2012 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Syllabus Bootcamp
Prerequisite: No prior experience with any version of Blackboard.
Learn how to make your course syllabus available online to your student by uploading it into Blackboard Learn. A useful workshop for anyone teaching on-ground, hybrid, and/or fully-online classes. Bring your syllabus in digital format (USB drive, burned to CD, emailed as attachment).

Friday 9/14/2012 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Friday 9/21/2012 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Friday 10/12/2012 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Friday 10/19/2012 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Web 2.0: SmartPhone, SmartTablets & YouTube
Learn the basics of how your smart device and YouTube complement one another and how it applies to your classroom environment.
Friday 10/26/2012 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Film on Demand & Blackboard Learn
Learn how to use the Library’s Film on Demand resources in Blackboard Learn to enhance your on-ground, hybrid, and online courses.
Friday 11/2/2012 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Classroom Technology
Room: Chapman 605 or 610
Learn the basics of using MxCC’s audio-visual classroom equipment.
Friday 9/28/2012 10:00 am - 11:00 am
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm