Educational Technology News

from **MxCC Distance Learning**

To accommodate the MS Office 2007 upgrade, plan to attend a MS Office 2007 Transition workshop!

Tuesday, 4/14/09
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Transitioning to MS Office 2007

Tuesday, 4/21/09
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

Friday, 5/1/09
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Transitioning to MS Office 2007

Friday, 5/8/09
9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Introduction to MS Office 2007 Interface

Friday, 5/8/09
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Introduction to Outlook 2007—Meetings, Tasks and Calendars

To register, email us at **mxccdistance@mxcc.commnet.edu.** Handouts are available at **www.mxcc.commnet.edu/workshops**

Summer Online Class Offerings

Fall Online Class Offerings

MyCommNet Offline this Summer July 17th to July 20th Noon

MyCommNet will be offline from **Friday, July 17th, through Noon on Monday, July 20th** for an upgrade. During this time, **MyCommNet, Blackboard Vista**, Student/Faculty Self-Service, and Library Databases **will not be available**.

Summer online professors (or professors using Blackboard Vista extensively) need to accommodate the due dates of assignments and exams accordingly.

Blackboard and MyCommNet Technical 24/7 Help Line

866-940-1928

Students and faculty are encouraged to call this toll-free number outside of Distance Learning hours for technical support when working in Blackboard Vista or MyCommNet.
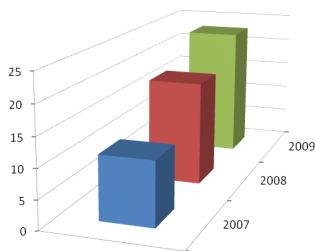
NEASC Interim Report on Distance Learning

Currently, MxCC has 9 programs in which students can complete more than 50% of the required courses and electives through online distance learning. They are: General Studies (95%), Liberal Arts and Science—Liberal Arts option (82%), Business Administration (75%), Communication Arts (66%), Human Services (65%), Accounting (64%), Marketing (58%), Management Information Systems (57%),and Early Childhood Education (53%).
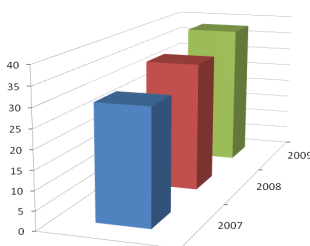
From Spring 2001 to Spring 2008, 1019 graduates from the above programs have taken online courses in order to complete their degree.

Summer 2009 and Fall 2009 Online/Hybrid Courses

32 fully online courses are scheduled for summer 2009. This is a 28% increase over summer 2008 online offerings. Since summer 2007, MxCC has doubled the amount of summer online course offerings.

38 fully online courses and 4 hybrid courses are scheduled in Fall 2009. This is a 12% increase over Fall 2008 and 27% increase over Fall 2007 in online class offerings. Among them are 5 new fully online courses:

ECE 231—Early Language & Literacy Development
ECE 275—Child, Family & School Relations
EVS 100—Intro to Environmental Science
HIS 101—Western Civilization I
SOC 225—Death & Dying

READI Test for Advising Potential Online Students

The READI test may be used to advise students to assess whether they are ready for online learning before they register for an online course. For students who are inquiring about online classes offered in the summer and fall semester, please direct them to take the READI test for self-assessment. Information and the link to the READI test may be found at **www.mxcc.commnet.edu/distance/readi.shtml**

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