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Blackboard Learn Implementation at MxCC

The important aspects of implementing Blackboard Learn are outlined below. For more detailed implementation plan, training schedules, course migration, learning resources, visit http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/BbLearn.asp

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINES

First Rollout - *Fall 2011*

The following courses will be using Blackboard Learn:

Fully online courses

ENG 281 Creative Writing –Terry McNulty

PSY 111 General Psychology (3311)– Yi Guan-Raczkowski

Courses taught by Marci Swede

Second Rollout – *Spring 2012*

The courses taught by the following professors will be using Blackboard Learn:

Marci Swede, Judy Wallace, Ray Denise, Tad Lincoln, Terry McNulty, Rick Eriksen, Mary Rayappan, Lin Lin

Third Rollout – *Summer 2012*

Courses taught by the professors involved in 1st Rollout and 2nd Rollout will be using Blackboard Learn.

Full Implementation – *Fall 2012*

All credit courses in all 12 colleges will use Blackboard Learn.

TRAINING TIMELINES

Summer 2011

Professors in 2nd Rollout will attend workshops in June, July, or August at Tunxis CC.

Fall 2011

System-wide training in Blackboard Learn will start for "early birds" who are assigned to teach in Fall 2012. Locations and schedules will be announced.

Blackboard Learn demonstrations will be scheduled in October and November at MxCC.

Spring 2012 and Summer 2012

Blackboard Learn training taught by MxCC Distance Learning staff will be scheduled on Fridays in March, April, and May as well as the first week of June and third week of August. Schedules will be announced.

COURSE MIGRATION TIMELINES

Courses to be offered in the initial rollouts (Fall '11, Spring '12, Summer '12) will be migrated per request.

All courses in Blackboard Vista will be migrated to Blackboard Learn for Fall 2012 full implementation. The migration of courses is traced back to Summer 2011. Courses offered before Summer 2011 will be archived for grade challenge.

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PREPARATION

Faculty Training
All faculty teaching online/hybrid courses or on-ground courses using Blackboard Vista should attend Blackboard Learn Basics training. Only those who have attended a training session will be given a course site in Blackboard Learn for building or updating.

Course Migration
Fall 2011 – Spring 2012
Professors teaching online/hybrid courses or use Blackboard Vista extensively should contact distance learning and provide the course information if they would like their courses migrated to Blackboard Learn.

Spring 2012 – Summer 2012
Professors will work on updating their migrated courses or building new courses in Blackboard Learn. All online/hybrid courses should be ready by August 15th of 2012.

Student Preparation
An online tutorial of using Blackboard Learn basic tools will be developed and ready by August 13, 2011.
Starting in Fall 2011, on-campus orientations for online/hybrid students using Blackboard Learn will be offered during the first week of a semester.

Staff Preparation
Staff members in student services are welcome to attend Blackboard Learn demonstration sessions. Like Blackboard Vista, logging on to Blackboard Learn system is through **MyCommNet**. Starting in Fall 2011, some courses will be using Blackboard Learn in initial rollouts. In Fall 2012, all courses will be using Blackboard. Students' questions about online/ hybrid courses or Blackboard Vista/Learn should be directed to Distance Learning department.

Blackboard Learn Implementation at MxCC
http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/BbLearn.asp

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Table 1	Fall 2010 to Summer 2012 -Preparing and Piloting Blackboard Learn					
	Fall 2010	**Spring 2011**	**Summer 2011**	**Fall2011**	**Spring 2012**	**Summer 2012**
				1st Rollout	**2nd Rollout**	**3rd Rollout**
Implementation				2 faculties at each college and DL directors use Blackboard Learn in their courses		
Course Migration					6 more faculties at each college use Blackboard Learn in their courses	
					Migrate Fall 2011 courses to Bb Learn for Fall 2012 courses.	Build Fall 2012 courses in Bb Learn.
Distance Learning	DL Directors in Administrative Tools and Teaching Tools	Educational Technology Specialists in Teaching Tools	Develop PSY111 and student tutorials in Bb Learn.	Conduct on-campus orientations for students using Blackboard Learn during the first week of a semester. Refine the handouts for faculty training and student orientations as well as online resources.		
			Develop handout for student orientation.	Tech support and prepare for training in Bb Learn. Host Bb Learn demos.	Conduct faculty training in Bb Learn. Provide technical support in Bb Learn courses. Convert and build Bb Learn Courses.	
Faculty Training		Faculties and DL Directors in 1st Rollout	Faculties and DL Directors in 2nd Rollout	Starting in Fall 2011, System Trainers will offer training to faculties teaching Fall 2012 courses at all colleges. Schedules/Locations - TBA (announced in college email and Course Cart)		
					MxCC DL staffs conduct workshops*.	
	* Workshops conducted by MxCC DL staff will be scheduled when there is no conflict with major college and system events. The schedule will be announced via college email and posted at http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/Educational_Technology_Training.asp				MxCC Faculties who have taught online/ hybrid courses (*Fridays in March, April, May)	All MxCC Faculties (1st week of June, 3rd week of August)
Student Training			Blackboard Learn Online Tutorials and orientation handout - ready 8/13/11			
			Campus orientations for online students using Blackboard Learn during the first week of a semester. New Student Orientation			

Blackboard Learn Training Information

http://www.commnet.edu/academics/blackboard/faculty/BbLearn_faculty_training.asp

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Table 2	From Fall 2012 to Fall 2013 - Full Implementation of Blackboard Learn			
	Fall2012	**Spring 2013**	**Summer 2013**	**Fall2013**
Implementation	**All credit courses at all 12 colleges use Blackboard Learn.**			
Course Migration	Migrate Spring 2012 courses (only) to Bb Learn for Spring 2013 courses .	Migrate Summer 2012 courses to Bb Learn for Summer 2013 courses.	Build Fall 2013 courses in Bb Learn.	Build Spring 2014 courses in Bb Learn.
Distance Learning	Conduct on-campus orientations for students using Blackboard Learn during the first week of a semester. Refine the handouts for faculty training and student orientations as well as online resources.			
	Conduct faculty training in Bb Learn. Provide technical support in Bb Learn courses. Convert and build Bb Learn Courses.			
Faculty Training	System Trainers will offer training to faculties at all 12 colleges -Schedules/Locations -TBA (announced in college email and Course Cart).			
	MxCC DL staffs conduct workshops*			
	All MxCC Faculties (*Fridays in September, October, November)	All MxCC Faculties (*Fridays in February, March, April)	All MxCC Faculties (1st week of June, 3rd week of August)	All MxCC Faculties (*Fridays in September, October, November)
Student Training	Blackboard Learn Online Tutorials, orientation handout, and other online resources			
	Campus orientations for online students during first week of a semester. New Student Orientation - integrate Bb Learn information in the sections of Student Technology Resources.			

Blackboard Resources for Faculty and Staff

http://www.commnet.edu/academics/blackboard/faculty/BbLearn_faqs_timeline.asp