



Educational Technology News

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Spring 2010 Blackboard Vista Usage



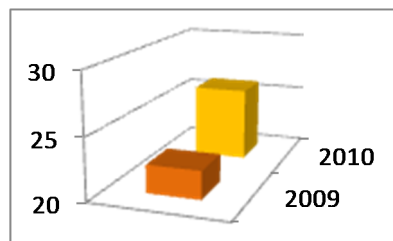
At MxCC, 208 out of 360 credit courses (58%) used Blackboard Vista. This percentage is higher than the system average usage of 12 colleges (48%).

The courses using Blackboard Vista involved 2422 students (86%), out of 2819 students taking credit courses at MxCC. Among the Blackboard Vista student users, 816 students took minimum one online/hybrid course and they log on Blackboard Vista regularly.

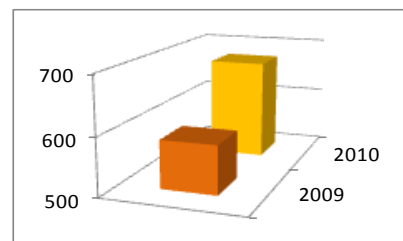
Summer 2010 Online Learning

26 fully online classes are offered 674 registered seats. There were an average of 25.9 students per class. This reflects a 15% increase over Summer '09. 475 students (47%) were taking at least one fully online class offered at MxCC.

Summer Online Classes Offered



Summer Registered Online Seats



Want to Send Announcements via Blackboard Vista?

Blackboard Vista may be used as a venue to reach students for college events. If you would like to post an announcement for students in Blackboard Vista, email the message to mxccdistance@mxcc.comnet.edu.

Distance Learning Forum with Chinese Distance Learning Delegation

On June 4th, we welcomed 20 delegates from China. Dr. Yi Guan-Raczkowski hosted a forum focused on quality control in online education. The delegation expressed an interest in how the READI self-assessment has helped MxCC students to succeed. On September 21, a 15-person delegation from China will be visiting MxCC for the same forum. We are proud to announce that MxCC is chosen as a stop for future distance education delegations sponsored by the China Youth Center for Education Exchange.



Web 2.0/Social Media Guidelines for MxCC Faculty and Staff

During the 2009- 2010 academic year, the Information Resources and Management (IRM) committee developed the Web 2.0/Social Media Guidelines. In May of 2010, the guidelines were approved by the College Council and were endorsed to implement at MxCC by then President Nieves. The guidelines may be accessed on the College **P drive: P:\College Council Standing Committees\Information Resources Management**. This semester, four Web 2.0/Social Media workshops will be offered at MxCC, the guidelines will be further explained in training (see Page 2 for schedule).

MxCC Distance Learning is located in Chapman 632/633

mxccdistance@mxcc.comnet.edu ~ 860-343-5756 ~ Monday to Friday 9:00 am —5:00 pm

Yi Guan-Raczkowski, Director of Distance Learning

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Fall 2010 Technology Training Schedule



Location: Chapman 629 (unless otherwise noted)

Seat Reservation: email to mxccdistanace@mxcc.commnet.edu or call (860) - 343 -5756.

More training sessions offered at other Connecticut community colleges can be found in the [IITT Course Cart](http://www.commnet.edu/academics/iitt/coursecart.asp).
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Click on Launch Course Cart button. Logon with your NetID and password.

Friday, 9/24/10

9:00 am—12 Noon **Getting Started with Blackboard Vista**

Extensive session with Blackboard basic features: syllabus, announcements, mail, calendar, discussions, and student tracking reports. Please bring your syllabus and/or class notes in Word .doc or PowerPoint .ppt format on USB/Flash drive to class. Staff members will be given training accounts and practice files. If you have difficulty logging onto MyCommNet or college computer, please contact IT department - 860-343-5711 (Wheaton Hall) for help before the training. The trainer does not have admin. right to reset NetID password.

Friday, 10/1/10

10:00 am – 12 Noon **Web 2.0 Social Networking: Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn**

Social Networking web sites allow people to link with others to share opinions, insights, experiences and perspectives. Examples include music fans on MySpace, business contacts on LinkedIn, or classmates on Facebook.

Friday, 10/8/10

10:00 am – 12 Noon **Web 2.0 Overview**

Blogs, Wikis, Twitter, Social Networking - Web 2.0 Technology is emerging. Come find out what the buzz is about. *IRM Committee is working on MxCC Web 2.0 Guidelines.

Friday, 10/15/10

10:00 am - 12: Noon **Web 2.0: Social Networking: Facebook Profile v. Groups v. Pages**

Facebook seems to be everywhere. We will examine the difference between a Facebook Profile, Group and Pages so that you are better informed on how you might want to use Facebook for yourself, group or organization. Wiki

Friday, 10/29/10

10:00 am – 12 Noon **Web 2.0 Wikis for Groups & Committees**

Discover how a free online wiki tool allows users to add and edit content collectively.

Visit the MxCC Tech Training web page for training handouts at:

http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/Educational_Technology_Training.asp