



Educational Technology News

Special Edition - Blackboard Learn



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In Fall 2012, Blackboard Learn, an upgraded system of Blackboard Vista, will be fully implemented at all Connecticut 12 community colleges. The following outline provides an overview of implementation timelines, faculty training, and course migration.

Implementation Timelines



In Fall 2012, all courses will use Blackboard Learn.

In Fall 2011, Spring 2012, and Summer 2012, selected faculty will use Blackboard Learn in their courses.

Fall 2011 – Rollout 1

Terry McNulty, Marci Swede, Yi Guan-Raczkowski

Spring 2012 – Rollout 2

Science: Judy Wallace, Ray Dennis, Marci Swede

Humanities: Rick Eriksen, John Shafer, Terry McNulty

Mathematics: Mary Rayappan

Business: Lin Lin

Social Science: Tad Lincoln, Yi Guan-Raczkowski

Summer 2012, faculty in Rollout1 and Rollout2



Faculty Training

In Fall 2011, **Blackboard Learn Transition** and **Course Migration** will be conducted for online/hybrid faculty in November and December.

In Spring and Summer of 2012, Blackboard Learn Transition, Course Migration, and Teaching Online with Blackboard Learn will open for all faculty.

Course Migration

1. Courses offered from Summer 2011 to Summer 2012

All Blackboard Vista courses offered in Summer '11, Fall '11, Winter '11, Spring '12, and Summer '12 will be automatically migrated to Blackboard Learn. The migration of Summer '11 and Fall '11 courses will be ready in April of 2012.

However, if faculty would like to migrate their courses early, they may attend a Blackboard Learn Transition workshop before April of 2012 and make a migration request.

2. Courses offered from Spring 2010 to Spring 2011

After taking Blackboard Learn Transition training, faculty will fill out a form in Faculty Self-Service to have their courses migrated.

3. Special Courses – departmental sites in Blackboard Vista will be migrated per request. Send the course Title to Distance Learning at mxccdistance@mxcc.commnet.edu by December 20, 2011.

MxCC Distance Learning is located in Chapman 632/633

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

Yi Guan-Raczkowski, Director of Distance Learning

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Elizabeth Tauanuu, Distance Learning Assistant



Fall 2011 Blackboard Learn Training Schedule



All sessions will be held in Chapman 629.

Peek Under the Hood: Blackboard Learn

This introductory demonstration will provide faculty with an introduction to Blackboard Learn, the newest version of the Blackboard learning management system. No seat reservation is needed.

Friday, 10/28/11	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Friday, 11/4/11	10:00 am - 11:30 am

Transitioning to Blackboard Learn

Pre-requisite: prior experience with Blackboard Vista required.

An introduction to new features and functionality of Blackboard Learn: Interface comparisons: Blackboard Vista vs. Blackboard Learn, Course Menu modification, Syllabus, Content Areas, Learning Modules, Content Collection, Communication tools.

Register in Course Cart at <https://www.commnet.edu/academics/iitt/coursecart.asp>

Friday, 11/11/11	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Friday, 11/18/11	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Work with Your Migrated Course in Blackboard Learn

Pre-requisite: have attended a Blackboard Learn Transition workshop and received a confirmation that your courses have been migrated to Blackboard Learn.

An overview of the most common migration issues and working on your own migrated course.

Register in Course Cart at <https://www.commnet.edu/academics/iitt/coursecart.asp>

Friday, 12/2/11	9:30 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
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Spring 2012 Blackboard Training Schedule

On Fridays starting February 24, 2012, the following workshops will be scheduled. A detailed schedule will be provided by December 15, 2011.

Transitioning to Blackboard Learn – for all faculty

Working with Migrated Courses – for faculty who will work on migrated courses

Online Teaching with Blackboard Learn – for online/hybrid faculty only

We will add more sessions on the days other than Fridays after the classroom assignment has been set.

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

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

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