



# Fall 2012

## Educational Technology Newsletter



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### Blackboard Learn Went Live on July 18<sup>th</sup>!



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](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.

MxCC Distance Learning is located in Chapman 632/633

[mxccdistan@mxcc.commnet.edu](mailto:mxccdistan@mxcc.commnet.edu) ~ 860-343-5756 ~ Monday to Friday 9:00 am —5:00 pm

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## 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](http://www.mxcc.edu/Content/Educational_Technology_Training.asp)  
Register by emailing [mxccdistanace@mxcc.edu](mailto:mxccdistanace@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
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### 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
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### 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

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