



Spring 2013 Educational Technology News-



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Online Learning Summer 2013

Six online courses are scheduled for the first Summer I session running from May 20th to June 14th. Thirty online courses are scheduled for the Summer II session running from June 17th to July 25 or August 1st. Seven orientation sessions will be offered to students who need personal assistance to get started. Selected sessions will be accessible via WebEx online.

Fall 2013

Forty-nine online courses and two hybrid courses will be offered with 1400 projected seats. Eight orientation sessions will be provided to students who need personal assistance to get started. Selected sessions will be accessible via WebEx online.

Educational Technology Survey

In collaboration with Instructional Resource Committee, an Educational Technology Survey was distributed to all MxCC employees. Survey results showed:

- Sixty eight people responded the survey, 57% was faculty and 45% was staff.
- The major technologies people use in their job functions include email (100%), MS Office applications (97%), web sites (92%), classroom display technology (71%), Banner (63%), and Blackboard Learn (63%).
- The top six technologies that people would like to use are email (56%), web sites (54%), mobile apps and devices (54%), MS Office applications (52%), classroom display technology (46%), and Web 2.0 technology (46%).
- The major technologies people would like to know more about and receive training on are social media/web 2.0 technology (25%), mobile apps and mobile devices (18%), and Blackboard advanced features (10%).

Based on the survey result, more training sessions will be planned to focus on social media, Web 2.0 technologies, mobile apps/mobile devices, and Blackboard advanced features.

**For upcoming Summer and Fall 2013 Blackboard training workshops,
check out these web pages.**



Educational Technology Training page

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

CONNSCU Commons

Learning Technology Training calendar

Go here to find and register for training workshops offered throughout the
CONNSCU system

<http://calendar.ct.edu>

MxCC Distance Learning is located in Chapman 632/633

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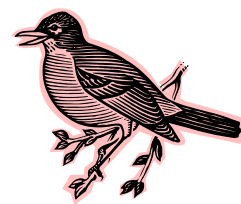
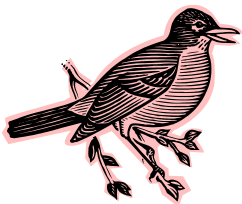
Collaborative Projects

In the Spring 2013 semester, Distance Learning department staff were busy collaborating on projects with other departments and colleagues.

- Yi worked with Professor Terry McNulty to use E-Portfolio in his ENG101 Composition class. The E-Portfolio was developed on Google Site. In students' e-portfolios, students posted their essays and self-reflections on learning outcomes.
- Ten course evaluation labs provided to students who needed assistance in filling out course evaluation in Student Self-Services.
- An information session about online learning was offered by Yi to potential online students. The session was also made accessible to students via WebEx online.
- Mobile Technology Buddy Group, created and co-led by Sandra and Tamara Ottum, Librarian, is a monthly gathering of MxCC faculty and staff to explore issues dealing with smartphone and smart tablet use.
- Tech Time are drop-in sessions for people to bring in their gadgets and/or tech questions. They are held monthly in Library with Tamara Ottum, Librarian, and Sandra Couture. Tech Time is open to all (including public).
- On Saturday, 4/13/13, "World of Apps: Apple" was presented to the MILES (Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Learning) by Sandra Couture and Tamara Ottum, Librarian. Attended by 24 MILES members, the presentation covered basic Apple device usability and Apple iPhone/iPad applications.
- For the fifth continuous semester, a week-long unit on Social Media was presented by Sandra in Patty Raymond's BBG 115 Business Computer Applications class. Topics covered were the history of social media, different types of social networking, how to use and not use social networking to protect personal privacy and the use of social networking in the hiring process.
- On Monday, 4/22/13, Social Media: Do's and Don'ts presentation was offered by Sandra to MxCC students with the help of Judy Mazgulski, Director of Student Activities. Topics covered were responsible use of social networking and privacy settings needed during the job-hunting process. The event was attended by approximately thirty students.
- The Social Media Do's and Don'ts presentation was featured in an article in the Saturday, 4/27/13, Middletown Press. Sandra was interviewed on Social Media Do's and Don'ts by the Wesleyan radio station, 88.1 FM WESU. This interview aired live on Friday, 4/26/13, on the Argus News Radio show

NEW! MxCC Social Media Resources

<http://www.mxcc.edu/Content/socialmediareources.asp>



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