



Educational Technology News

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Blackboard and MyCommNet Technical 24/7 Help Line



866-940-1928

Students and faculty are encouraged to call this toll-free number outside of Distance Learning hours for technical support when working in Blackboard Vista or MyCommNet.

Summer 2009 Online Courses

In Summer Session II, 23 fully online classes were offered with 584 registered seats, average of 25.2 students per class. It reflected a 45% increase over Summer '08.

475 students (50.3%) were taking at least one fully online class during summer of 2009. 275 students took the READI Test to find out their readiness in online learning.

Fall 2009 Online/Hybrid Courses - MxCC Breaks 1000 Seats Mark for First Time

37 fully online classes are offered with 1045 registered seats, average of 28.2 students per class. It is first time for MxCC to break a 1000 mark for fully online seats. It reflects a 19.8% increase over Fall '08 and a 15.2% increase over Spring '09.

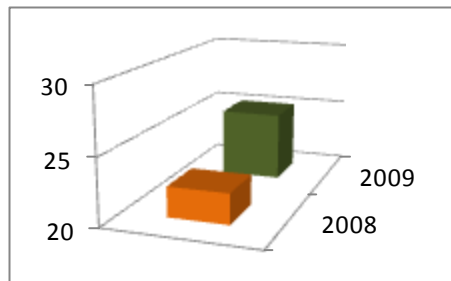
Total of 685 (23.5%) students are taking at least one fully online class.

4 hybrid courses are offered with 81 seats, average class size is 20.

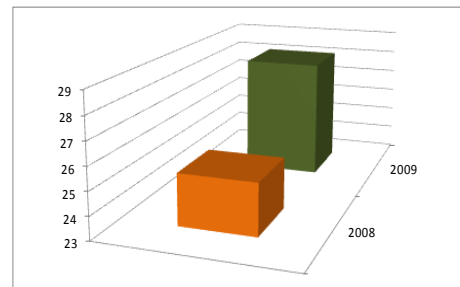
Eight Blackboard orientations have offered to online students, 40 students attended the orientations.

315 students have taken the READI test to find out their readiness in online learning.

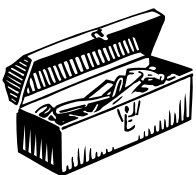
Summer Online Seats Per Class



Fall Online Seats Per Class



Regular Maintenance Schedule – Blackboard Vista and MyCommNet



The Blackboard Vista server is offline from 3:00am to 5:00am every Friday for weekly maintenance.

The MyCommNet server will quickly stop and restart approximately 6:00 a.m. on every first Friday morning of the month.

MxCC Distance Learning is located in Chapman 632/633

mxccdistance@mccc.commnet.edu ~ 860-343-5756 ~ Monday to Friday 8:30 am —5:00 pm

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Sandra Couture, Educational Technology Specialist

Krupesh Mehta, Distance Learning Assistant
Mike Rodriguez, Distance Learning Assistant
Mark Szady, Distance Learning Assistant

Fall 2009 Technology Training Schedule



TECHNOLOGY TRAINING— Chapman 629

Tuesday, 10/20/2009

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Web 2.0 Overview

Friday, 10/23/2009

9:00 am - 10:30 am Use Grade Book and Grading Forms (Rubrics) in BB Vista

10:45am - 12:15 pm Design Group Activities and Assignments in BB Vista

Friday, 10/30/2009

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Transitioning to Microsoft Office 2007

Tuesday, 11/3/2009

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Microsoft Outlook 2007 Basics

Friday, 11/6/2009

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Web 2.0: Technology Overview

Tuesday, 11/10/2009

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

Become a Fan of MxCC Distance Learning on Facebook!



MxCC Distance Learning has a Fan Page on Facebook. It is designed to provide helpful information for MxCC online and hybrid students and as well as on-ground students using Blackboard Vista and MyCommNet.

Three simple ways to become a fan:

- (1) Log on to Facebook, search for "MxCC Distance Learning". Click on **Become a Fan** on the MxCC Distance Learning page on Facebook.
- (2) Go to <http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/distance>. Click on the Facebook icon under Follow MxCC Distance. Log on to Facebook with your account and click on **Become a Fan**.
- (3) Go directly to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Middletown-CT/MxCC-Distance-Learning/97223480145>, log on to Facebook, click on **Become a Fan**.

GET TO KNOW OUR DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENT WORKERS



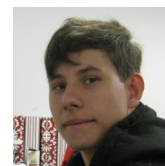
Krupesh Mehta

Krupesh is a fourth semester Computer Science major. He has been working for Distance Learning for three semesters. Krupesh plans on transferring to CCSU in Spring 2010 to pursue a Bachelors of Computer Science.



Mike Rodriguez

Mike is a first semester Business-Marketing major. This is his first semester working for Distance Learning. He's becoming the department's newest PowerPoint guru.



Mark Szady

Mark is a second semester Information Systems major with a Minor in Multimedia and Digital Design. This is Mark's first semester working for Distance Learning. Mark would like to pursue a career in computer gaming design.

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