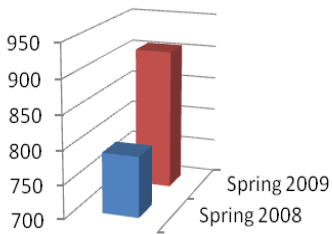
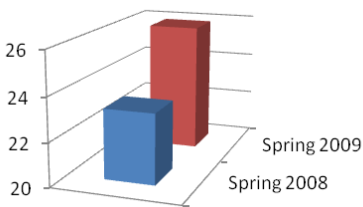




Registered Students



Average Seats per Class



Spring 2009 Online Enrollment

This spring, 35 fully online courses are offered with 907 registered seats and an average of 25.9 students per online class. This reflects a 14.9% increase over the Spring 2008 semester.

606 students are taking at least one fully online credit course at MxCC this semester. This amounts to 23% of the student population taking credit courses.

READI Test for Online Students



344 students have taken the READI test to identify their strengths and weaknesses to improve their online learning.

MxCC has purchased a one-year subscription and will implement the READI test to students who will be taking online or hybrid courses in Summer '09, Fall '09, and Spring '10.

We encourage all online/hybrid professors to adopt the READI test as a graded assignment in their online/hybrid courses.

If a faculty or staff member would like to see what the READI test entails, go to: <http://mxcc.readi.info>, under the Username, select **mxccfaculty** and enter the password: **mxccpractice**.

New Email Feature in MyCommNet

College email is now available in MyCommNet via a new email icon on the MyCommNet entry page. After you log on to MyCommNet, click on the **e-mail** icon at upper right. This will take you directly to your college email Inbox. With this new feature, myCommNet becomes an all-in-one system to access college email, Faculty Self-Service, Blackboard Vista, and Library databases. More information about myCommNet can be found at www.mxcc.commnet.edu/distance/mycommnet.shtml.



Blackboard Vista News

New Blackboard Vista Maintenance Window



Blackboard Vista is off-line **every Friday from 3:00 a.m.—5:00 a.m.** for maintenance. Advise your students to avoid taking an online exam right before the maintenance window.



New Help Desk for Blackboard and MyCommNet



A new technical help desk is implemented. It provides 24/7, year round (365 days) technical help for students and faculty when encountering technical difficulties in their online courses or Blackboard-enhanced courses.

Toll Free Phone: **866-940-1928**

Web site: www.commnet.edu/portal/help, click on the **Blackboard Vista Support** link and then the **Connecticut Community College Support Center** link (bottom) for: Phone Number, Live Chat, Ticket Submission, and Knowledge Base.

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Tuesday, 3/3/09

1-3 p.m.
Web 2.0: Wikis

Thursday, 3/5/09

1-3 p.m.
Transitioning to MS Office 2007

Wednesday, 3/11/09

1-3 p.m.
Web 2.0 Google Docs

Friday, 3/13/09

9-10:30 a.m.
Using Grade Book and Grading Forms
in BB Vista

Friday, 3/13/09

10:45-12:15 p.m.
Design Group Activities & Assignments
in BB Vista

Friday, 3/27/09

9-11 a.m.
Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

Tuesday, 3/31/09

1-3 p.m.
Transitioning to MS Office 2007

More workshop are offered in April and May. Check the schedule at www.mxcc.commnet.edu/workshops or email us to sign up at mxccdistan@mxcc.commnet.edu.