

Center for Online Education and Instructional Technology

Course offering

If the course you are looking for is not on this month's calendar feel free to contact COLEIT at coleit@tsu.edu, 713-313-4853 to schedule a 1:1 session.

Blackboard Assessments & Assignments

This training session will include an overview of additional Assessments available in Blackboard, to track student performance and gather statistics on course activity throughout the semester; detect low performance, and how to create a library of test questions for use during the semester.

Blackboard Mobile Learn

In this session topics will include an introduction to the Mobile Learn feature of Blackboard, supported devices, requirements and its capabilities.

Blackboard Scholar

This resource tool will allow you to learn how to find relevant and reliable resources easily through your Blackboard course, and also share resources among your peers and students. You will also have the capability to integrate various reliable resources of scholarly information directly into your course for easy access. You will learn to display customized Scholar resource collections as a new course tool, and you will learn to allow students to contribute to a collection of resources, or set up bookmarks under a tab of resources for student access, once your course is registered through Scholar.

Citeulike

In this session you will learn this tool to easily store references that you find online and from specific databases, from discovered new articles and resources, tag found articles and important passages, upload saved articles from other sources, share references with others, store and search PDF files. This is a great tool for instructors who are writing journal articles, involved in research and referencing/housing materials, and gathering reading materials for teaching. This tool is also convenient for undergraduate and graduate students in writing research papers, master thesis, dissertations, and storing all references in one place.

Communicating in Blackboard

This session will include an overview of easy to use communication tools found in Blackboard, such as sending Announcements, Emails, Messaging, Groups, Discussion Boards, Chat Rooms, and Virtual Classrooms.

Course Copy/Export/Import

This session will include topics such as Selective release, "Members" tab, Course settings, exporting/importing course content, creating a course backup, and copy course content.

Create Narrated PowerPoint Slides

Learn how to design your PowerPoint Slides and narratives for improved student interaction. Lectures can be recorded with a microphone and demonstrated with animation. Your students can view your slide shows in full screen in your Blackboard course or attached and downloaded as a file from an email.

Creating Flash-Based Activities and Games

Learn the techniques in using StudyMate software to create flash-based activities and games in Blackboard for teaching and learning.

Creating Online Exams

This training session introduces you to the possibilities and techniques found in Blackboard to design online exams and quizzes using specific question formats, such as multiple-choice, true/false, fill in the blanks, essay, calculating math problems with formulas, and more. You will also view how to set test and time availability, insert images, modify existing exams, and deploy exams adding the tools Respondus and Respondus Lock-Down Browser.

Creating Screen Recordings & Tutorials

Provide tips in designing online screen recordings and tutorials using Camtasia Studio, for recorded how-to lectures that your students can view as instructional materials, along with creating podcasts and other video/audio features. Participants will explore techniques used for recording, editing, and producing video and audio presentations.

Creating Virtual Classrooms

This session will provide an overview of the basic operations and key functions of Wimba Live Classroom. See a demonstration on the set up of Wimba Live Classroom in Blackboard. With this feature you can conduct real-time class sessions and lectures with audio and video capabilities with your students. You also have the advantage of participating in additional interactive activities with your students, such as inviting leading experts to visit and participate in your live classroom experience, and also provide unlimited access to recorded lectures for your students.

Dynamic Classroom Teaching for Hybrid Courses

This session includes new teaching approaches that can be effective in technology-enhanced classrooms, including flexible learning spaces, the use of student groups, lecture busters that keep students engaged, and enforcing critical thinking concepts.

Exploring New Technologies

This informal session includes a discussion that introduces the new technologies: iPhone, iPod Touch, and Facebook and techniques to use with your course for teaching.

Getting Started in Blackboard 8.0

This session offers beginners an introductory course to Blackboard. Users will be shown how to login and shown the basic startup procedures for the beginning of the year.

Introduction to Blackboard version 9.1

This session offers a brief preview in the newest release of Blackboard version 9.1, along with new features including blogs, wikis, and the dropdown tab functions. The simplicity in navigating through a course will be demonstrated along with comparison to Blackboard 8.0.

Intro to Google Docs

Learn how to use Google Docs, a web-based word processing, presentations and spreadsheets program that will allow you and your students to update documents from his/her own computer, even simultaneously.

Intro to Google Earth

Learn how to use Google Earth to displays satellite images of varying resolution of the Earth, Moon, and Mars surfaces. This Web 2.0 tool will allow your students to view cities, countries, and the topography of the three bodies.

Learning About ISSUU

Learn how to use ISSUU as a tool to collect, share, and publish online publications in a format designed to make your documents look very professional. Just think how personalized you can get in writing journal articles and informative course notes sent to your students and colleagues. There are three different view modes for printing: magazine, presentation, and paper. You can set up your own library where you organize your printed material, then bookmark and link to your publications. You can also customize any of your printed materials and integrate it in your own website.

Learning How To Use NOOKstudy

Learn how to prepare your classes using your eTextbooks in your Blackboard course that students access. You can highlight and mark-up specific topics in your eTextbooks, reinterpret passages with written notes for student understanding, and import documents. Your textbooks and notes are easily available from your laptop, and students can organize class materials and prep for exams very quickly. eTextbooks are available at discount prices, saving you and your students money!

Learning to Use Prezi

Prezi is a web-based presentation tool that uses a map layout and zooming to show content relationships and details in your lectures without overwhelming the viewer. As you need to emphasize a topic with details, you zoom in to discuss and zoom out to finish, while going to the next topic. The idea is to present all information, along with extensive details, on one page instead of multiple pages of information. Thought of as a new way of presenting material to capture students' attention to details.

Managing Grades in Blackboard Grade Center

This session will include an overview in using the Grade Center to manage your student grades during the semester. Familiarize yourself with adding and weighting grades, adding columns, dropping grades, grade history, grade reports, and emailing students from the Grade Center.

Microsoft Photo Story 3

This session includes digital storytelling techniques. If you love to travel, tell stories, or both, this may be an exciting tool that you may find interesting. Learn tips for combining your story with computer-based images, text, soundtracks, recorded narration, video clips, and music to make your story interactive. You can upload pictures or any graphics you would like to share with others, and present a story/timeline of your adventures, or facts that you find of importance. This tool can be helpful in teaching history, geography, art, architecture, geology, engineering, health/medical, biology and others.

SafeAssign & Plagiarism Prevention

This session will present several techniques that may be used to help prevent plagiarism in student writing, including the use of SafeAssign comparison tool. Participants will learn what SafeAssign is and how it works, including the sources used to identify unoriginal content, and how to interpret a SafeAssign originality report.

Student Response Systems

Turning Technologies offers Student Response solutions by using polling technology that can help turn any lecture into an active and engaging learning environment. Polling technology can be used to immediately assess student learning, share student opinions, facilitate class discussions, encourage participation, and gather feedback. Learn about the technologies available, including PC or Mac applications, PowerPoint software, Response Cards, or personal device options that can be used to meet your classroom needs and teaching style.

Teaching Toolkit

Basic tools and techniques that can enhance and streamline your teaching experiences, such as: Getting started in Blackboard; Blackboard communication tools: blogs, wikis and discussion boards; Managing student groups in Blackboard; Enhancing your course with web conferencing; and Assessing student group work: creating fair assignments.

Visual Resources for Teaching

This session includes tools, resources and techniques that will bring greater visual interest to your class, such as visual resources, teaching with Google Maps, managing and using images in teaching, creating teaching resources in Google Earth.