

Center for Online Education and Instructional Technology (COLEIT)

Course Offerings

If you would prefer training in another topic not listed here, feel free to contact COLEIT at coleit@tsu.edu, or 713-313-4853 to schedule a 1:1 session.

Assignment and SafeAssign (Plagiarism) Prevention

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

Best Practices in Teaching an Online Course

This training session will address the techniques and issues involved in teaching an online course today with the facilitation of all types of learning styles and learning groups in a global society. What are the challenges and rewards involved?

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, generate an item analysis, 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.

Communicating in Blackboard

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

Course Accessibility Overview

One in five people in the United States report having a disability, and the numbers increase with veteran enrollments. As a result, it is imperative that students are serviced in multiple ways for their learning needs. In this training session, you will explore features and tools in Blackboard for the purpose of assistive teaching and learning to accommodate all students.

Course Management

This session will include topics such as course settings, exporting/importing course content, importing course cartridges, creating a course backup, course bulk delete, and copy course content.

Creating E-Portfolios

In this session learn the techniques for creating and storing a collection of materials and resources that you can share with your students in a virtual notebook. Using E-Portfolios is a great way to organize materials, projects, documents, information, etc., throughout the semester for instructor as well as student.

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, set test exceptions, set your exam with Respondus Lockdown Browser, and publish exams from Respondus to your Blackboard course.

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.

Create a Voice Thread to Make Discussions Come Alive

In this session learn how to use this web-based tool with images, voice, photos, slides, and other multimedia to create discussions that are sure to engage your students. These voice threads can be uploaded to your Blackboard course.

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.

Explore Merlot II Features

In this session explore the valuable resources available to all instructors from the Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching (Merlot) site. This website is an international educational community that contains free and open instructional materials such as, lectures, videos, lesson plans, handouts, etc., in an exhausting assortment of subject and topic areas for sharing and collaborating.

Exploring New Technologies

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

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, setting up calculated columns, and emailing students from the Grade Center.

Introduction to Blackboard Learn - version 9.1

This session offers an overview of Blackboard Learn, version 9.1, along with all tools and features available, including such tools as: blogs, wikis, the dropdown tab functions, leading publisher links, rubric creation, assignment links, and safe assignment links.

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.

Online Teaching Faculty Certification Course

This course is a two to three hour course designed for those instructors who have no experience with teaching an online course and not familiar with the Blackboard Learn Management System. Individual, group, and web conferencing sessions are available in an online or face-to-face environment.

Online Teaching Faculty Certification Course - Refresher

This course is a one to two hour course designed for those instructors who have experience teaching online courses, but want to review their skills with the latest updates in online teaching and the Blackboard Learn Management System. Individual, group, and web conferencing sessions are available in an online or face-to-face environment.

Quality Matters (QM) Standards

Quality Matters Standards are based on empirical and conceptual studies by distance educators, focusing on the quality of course design. This session goes over the QM standards and discusses the advantage of inclusion in the course structure. An overview of the QM rubric is also discussed.

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.

Web Conferencing

This session will provide an overview of the basic operations and key functions for Blackboard Collaborate. See a demonstration on the set up of Blackboard Collaborate in Blackboard Learn. 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, provide unlimited access to recorded lectures for your students, and provide a place for group meetings.