New Conversations, New Perspectives

Broaden your horizons this summer with the CTRE!

Every week throughout June, July, and August, the CTRE will be hosting one-hour sessions on topics pertaining to student ethics, plagiarism, assessment, feedback, and more.

This summer series is intended to invite attendees to consider, discuss, and hopefully integrate new perspectives into how they approach the classroom. Although some topics will broach new technologies, no prior or working knowledge of them will be necessary. Rather, sessions will be largely theoretical, with concrete plans for implementation being left to faculty to brainstorm and discuss among one another.

All sessions will take place in the CTRE’s Faculty Technology Lounge (LIB 318). A full list of the summer schedule can be found on the CTRE.

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Moodle Upgrade Coming in August

This August, Chicago State University will be upgrading from Moodle 1.9 to Moodle 2.3.

The upgrade will afford students and faculty greater ease of use, flexibility, and functionality.

Training

In preparation for the upgrade, the CTRE will be facilitating hands-on training sessions for faculty throughout the summer, beginning June 10. These sessions will take place on two days per week, in morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. Watch future CTRE newsletters for times and locations. Student training will begin August 26.

Transfer Process

Courses will not automatically be

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Monday Morning Mentor

Beginning in August, the CTRE will be launching a new weekly series for the CSU community called “Monday Morning Mentor.”

Every Monday morning, the CTRE will showcase a 20-minute program on a different topic, followed by small group discussion exploring the possibilities of how to apply the concepts covered therein. Topics will be chosen from the following areas:

- Academic Integrity
- Classroom Management
- Grading and Feedback
- Issues with Students
- Student Engagement
- Syllabus and Course Design
- Teaching with Technology

...and more!

Monday Morning Mentor will take place in the CTRE’s Faculty Technology Lounge (LIB 318). Watch future newsletters for updates on exact dates, times, and topics.

Questions can be directed to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Summer Workshops

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website’s events page. If you are interested in registering for a session or would like to learn more, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

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transferred in this upgrade; it will be up to faculty to complete a request form. That form will be posted soon in the ORG-CSU Instructors course.

Faculty will have access to the current version of Moodle (1.9) through August 31. After that time, only Moodle 2.3 will be supported, though old courses from 1.9 will be archived.

More Information

Announcements about the upgrade to Moodle 2.3 will be made throughout the summer. You can learn more about Moodle 2.3’s features by watching this introductory video and reading about it in Moodle Docs.

If you have further questions, you are also welcome to call the CTRE at 773-995-2960 or email elearning@csu.edu.

The CTRE looks forward to working with everyone at CSU to make this conversion as seamless as possible.