



THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

MAY 5-11, 2013

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

Final Exam Period 5/6 - 5/11

CTRE Advisory Board Meeting 5/9 12:30-2:00 LIB 301

Spring 2013 Commencement 5/16 10:30-2:00 Emil Jones Convocation Center

Distance Education Committee Meeting 5/21 12:30-2:00 LIB 301

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT MOODLE UPGRADE

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 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 cur-

rent 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 elarning@csu.edu.

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

{ APPEALING APPS & SITES }

Site: [Moodle Docs](#)

Price: FREE

Moodle Docs is an online community forum of information, discussion, and more. Cultivated by Moodle users from around the world, it contains information on all aspects of Moodle, from its overarching philosophy to the nitty-gritty.



Looking Forward

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.

Turnitin's Top Student Sources

Turnitin.com, one of the internet's leading sources for reviewing educational content, recently unveiled its list of [ratings for the top student sources](#) on the internet.

Dozens of the most popular websites used by students in higher education, including Wikipedia, Answers.com, and NYTimes.com are featured.

The ratings are based on the [Source Educational Evaluation Rubric \(SEER\)](#), which assigns values to websites based on the following criteria:

- Authority—*Is the site well regard-*

The screenshot shows a table titled 'Ratings for Top Student Sources' with columns for Site, Authority, Educational Value, Intent, Originality, Quality, and # of Matches. The table lists various websites and their corresponding scores.

Site	Authority	Educational Value	Intent	Originality	Quality	# of Matches
answers.com	2.07	2.30	2.06	2.30	2.75	2,841,201
facebook.com	2.00	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.75	40,797
google.com	2.25	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.75	440,273
reddit.com	2.17	2.25	2.25	2.00	2.75	440,824
stackoverflow.com	2.45	2.71	2.27	2.41	2.75	401,107
twitter.com	2.10	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.75	822,220
wikipedia.com	2.23	2.71	2.27	2.25	2.25	571,264
youtube.com	1.98	1.71	1.86	2.14	2.41	442,807
nytimes.com	1.73	1.75	2.25	2.25	2.25	1,022,742
turnitin.com	1.93	1.25	1.71	2.00	2.50	1,000,824

ed, cited, and written by experts in the field?

- Educational Value—*Does the site content help advance educational goals?*
- Intent—*Is the site a well-respected source of content intended to inform users?*
- Originality—*Is the site a source of original content and viewpoints?*
- Quality—*Is the site highly vetted with good coverage of the topical area?*

- Number of Matches—*Number of matches to content in student papers between June 2011 and July 2012.*

The ratings are meant to be used as a resource to guide students toward websites that are of higher quality content as they conduct research. Oftentimes, ignorance is the primary reason that a student might approach Amazon.com's product reviews, for example, as a source of information. But by using Turnitin's ratings table, more thoughtful considerations and conversations can be had to help students navigate the often cloudy and confusing world of internet-based research.