

Upcoming Events

Moodle 2.3 Upgrade Training (throughout summer)	M, T, F (Visit CTRE Website for details)
“Exploring the Disconnect Between Morals and Behavior”	7/30 10:30-11:30 LIB 318
“The What, Why, and How of Rubrics”	7/30 1:30-3:00 LIB 301 7/31 10:30-12:00 1:30-3:00 LIB 301
“Mind Mapping Tools to Optimize Brainstorming and Collaboration”	8/6 1:30-3:00 LIB 301 8/7 10:30-12:00 1:30-3:00 LIB 301

Four Weeks to Fall Semester

The first day of the fall semester is just four short weeks away—are you on track to hit the ground running? With all that goes into preparing an effective college course, it can be easy to overlook something. Take a moment to review the following items in your own courses.



1) Learning goals

Are your learning goals accurate and up-to-date? Do some new ones need to be added?

2) Assessments

Do your assessments adequately provide a means for students to demonstrate their learning?

3) Syllabi

Have you begun writing new syllabi for your courses? Do they include all the components listed in the [NCA template](#)?

4) Online resources

Are all of your links, media, and downloads functioning properly?

More to come next week!

Moodle Upgrade 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 (see [web-site](#) for details). Student training will begin August 26.



Transfer Process

Courses will not automatically be transferred in this upgrade; it will be up to faculty to either transfer courses themselves, or request assistance from the CTRE. To learn

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Looking Forward

CTRE Writing Workshops

This fall, the CTRE is excited to help you explore writing in new ways and with fresh perspectives with its 2013-2014 faculty development theme, "Writing for Success."



"Academic Writing from Research to Publication"

with Drs. Sonja Foss and William Waters

September 12, 2013

9:00-3:00 / LIB 301

"Grant Writing Workshops"

with Dr. Kenneth Henson

October 15 & 16, 2013

10:00-2:00 / LIB 301

(NOTE: Both dates cover same topics; choose one.)

"Writing Across the Curriculum"

with Dr. Christopher Anson

November 14, 2013

Time TBA / LIB 301

Visit bit.ly/csuwite to learn more about these and other workshops in the Writing for Success series. To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Tuesday Morning Mentor

This fall, the CTRE will host a new weekly series, "Tuesday Morning Mentor."

Each week will feature a different video from Magna Publications' *20 Minute Mentor Commons* series, followed by a short discussion on how to apply the concepts covered in ways that will meet your specific needs.

Tuesday Morning Mentor will begin **September 10 at 10:30 in LIB 318** with "How Can I Capture Students' Attention in the First 5 Minutes of Class?"

For the complete fall schedule, [click here](#).



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more about these options, visit the CTRE's [Moodle Support](#) page.

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 elearn-ing@csu.edu.

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

