Upcoming Events

Moodle 2.3 Upgrade Training (throughout summer)	M, T, F (Visit CTRE Website for details)
"Teaching Originality, Creativity, and Critical Thinking"	8/13 10:30-11:30 LIB 318
New Faculty Orientation (Full-Time Faculty)	8/21-8/23 9:00-4:00 LIB 301
New Faculty Orientation (Adjunct Faculty)	8/24 9:00-4:00 LIB 301
Faculty Resource Network (FRN) Info Session	8/29, 9/3, 9/4 10:30-11:30 & 12:30-1:30 LIB 318
Online Certification Training Begins	9/8 Click here to enroll

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Site: Mindomo

Price: FREE!

Mindomo is an online mind mapping application that allows you to brainstorm and collaborate with your peers.

Two Weeks to Fall Semester

The start of the fall semester is just three short weeks away—are you on track to hit the ground running?

Moodle is set to be upgraded on August 26, and while there will not be any dramatic changes to how it is used, some new activities will be added that you may want to try out:

1) Big Blue Button

This is a web conferencing system that is about as simple as it gets. Share desktop screens and presentations, use a whiteboard, and record sessions. Click here to learn more.

2) Q & A Forum

This is a new optional setting in the forum activity which makes it so that students don't see anyone else's discussion posts until they've submitted their first one. Click here to learn more.

3) Workshop

The workshop activity is a flexible peer assessment tool which allows students to review each other's work, make changes to their own, and then submit it to the instructor. Click here for more.

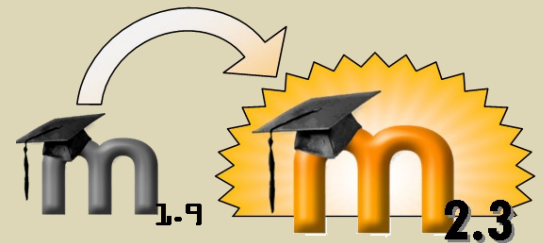*More to come next week!*

Moodle Upgrade on August 26!

On August 26, Chicago State University will upgrade 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 is facilitating training sessions for faculty throughout the summer (see website 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 more about these options, visit the

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."

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Visit bit.ly/csuwrite to learn more about these and other workshops in the Writing for Success series.

"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

To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Best of luck, TQRP!

The CTRE wishes the 50 young men of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's Teacher Quality and Retention Program all the best as they move forward as top educators.

Online Certification Training Begins 9/8

On September 8, a new section of Online Certification Training (OCT) will begin.

OCT is an eight-week, completely online course that prepares CSU instructors to teach online.

Online Certification Training
Center for Teaching and Research Excellence

Upon successfully meeting all of the requirements of OCT, instructors will receive a certificate of completion. You can learn more at:
www.csu.edu/CTRE/facultysupport.htm
To enroll in OCT, email ctre@csu.edu or call 773-995-2960.

Moodle Upgrade on August 26!

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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, and old courses from 1.9 will be archived.

Try It Out

All fall 2013 course shells have been uploaded into Moodle 2.3. You can start developing your courses by visiting:

http://csumoodle.remote-learner.net/sandbox/

More Information

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.

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