Instructional Technologies @UMBC

Blackboard (Bb)

Description: Used by more than 2,100 courses and 300 organizations every semester, the Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS) can be used to communicate, collaborate, and engage students in activities both inside and outside of the classroom. Bb features allow instructors to create assignments, track student activity, easily grade submitted coursework, and much more! Bb is a "snow-day solution" to keep on-track with your course schedule in the event of unexpected delays or closings of the campus. This all-in-one LMS can save you time and promote student success simultaneously.

Blackboard Collaborate

Description: Blackboard Collaborate is an online collaboration platform, which helps instructors to create virtual classrooms, host virtual offices hours and much more for students, wherever they are. You can create your own Collaborate sessions inside courses and invite students to attend. During the session, you can share a PowerPoint presentation, whiteboard, and other desktop applications and record the entire experience.

Box

Description: Box is an online file sharing system, where you can store and access content across multiple devices (computers, smart phones, and tablets). Box also allows you to easily share your files and folders with others. In the classroom, instructors can use Box to organize and deploy course content on Bb.

TechSmith Relay (*formerly known as Camtasia Relay)*

Description: Sometimes it's just easier to show than tell. Using TechSmith Relay, faculty can capture and narrate anything they see on their computers, and then publish an online "screencast" movie tutorial or mini-lecture for students to watch and replay on their own time. TechSmith Relay is the enterprise version of TechSmith used by Khan Academy. Techsmith.com makes both products as well as the free, easy-to-use Jing screencasting tool (recordings limited to durations of five minutes or less).

Google Apps

Description: Google offers schools a hosted solution for their email, calendar, and chat through Google Apps for Education, their integrated communication and collaboration solution. UMBC students, faculty, and staff have access to Gmail and Calendar, Gchat, Google Drive, and much more through MyUMBC.

Respondus 4.0

Description: This powerful tool allows you to create and manage your Bb assessments. You can create assessments using publisher test banks, or import questions from Microsoft Word. You also have the option of printing these assessments in hard copy, or deploying the test directly to Bb.

Respondus LockDown Browser

Description: Secure your Bb tests by using the LockDown Browser. When students take tests using this tool, they are unable to print, copy, open other applications, or explore the web. They are locked into this secure testing environment until they submit their assessment for grading.

TurningPoint Clickers

Description: Used by more than 4,000 students, UMBC has standardized it's student response system, or "clickers,"on the Turning Technologies platform to support instant student feedback to questions posed by faculty in the classroom. The results display of all student responses allows the instructor to tailor instructor based on what students do (or don't) understand before moving on to new content.

FACULTY INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRAINING (FITT)

Drop-Ins Sessions: *Starting on Wednesday, August 27 Drop-In Sessions will be held from* **12noon to 1pm** *in* **ENG 025***. These sessions will every Wednesday until October 29, 2014. For more information about these sessions, and to add them to your Google calendar please visit the DoIT events group page at* http://my.umbc.edu/groups/doit/events*.*

Training Offerings by Month-*All sessions will take place in* **ENG 025***.*

AUGUST 2014

Date	Workshop Title	Time
Tuesday, August 26	*Blackboard 101*	12noon-12:50pm

SEPTEMBER 2014

Date	Workshop Title	Time
Tuesday, September 9	*Creating Assessments and Assignments in Bb*	12noon-12:50pm
	Respondus 4.0 and LockDown Browser	1pm-1:50pm
Tuesday, September 30	*All About Grades: A Look at Inline Grading and the Bb GradeCenter*	12noon-12:50pm
	Using Blackboard Collaborate for Virtual Office Hours and Live Review Sessions	1pm-1:50pm

OCTOBER 2014

Date	Workshop Title	Time
Tuesday, October 14	*Using Rubrics for Clear and Concise Grading*	12noon-12:50pm
Tuesday, October 28	*Using Box to Organize Your Documents and Course Content*	12noon-12:50pm
	Using TechSmith Relay for Superb Screencasting	1pm-1:50pm

NOVEMBER 2014

Date	Workshop Title	Time
Tuesday, November 4	*What Can Google Apps Do for You?*	12noon-12:50pm
Tuesday, November 18	*Preparing for the Final Exam: Assessing Your Students in Blackboard*	1pm-1:50pm

DECEMBER 2014

Date	Workshop title	Time
Tuesday, December 2	*10 Things to Do in Blackboard before Winter Break*	12noon-12:50pm

See Reverse for Descriptions

Note: Sessions are subject to change. For more information about the sessions please visit the **DoIT Group Page** or contact us at **instructionaltechnology@umbc.edu**