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Todd Zakrajsek, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

How Students Learn

Todd Zakrajsek, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Tips for TAs

Nancy Chalmers
University of South Carolina

Blended Learning: The Basics

Tena B. Crews
University of South Carolina

What to Do About Cheating

Kelly Eifert
University of South Carolina

Student Engagement in Online Learning

Jo Ann Coe Regan
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And More!

Receive CTE announcements

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Calendar of Events

View our handy calendar on the back of this page. For updates and more information, visit www.sc.edu/cte.

try this

It can be difficult to facilitate important course-related student-to-student interactions in increasingly larger classes or distributed learning courses. However, it is possible to create a supportive online course community that provides an ample amount of student-to-student interaction. One approach is to assign group projects that use the Wiki Tool in Blackboard. The Wiki Tool is a multi-user editable webpage, where students can collaborate on a group project. So try this: create a wiki where students can work together to record research information, develop outlines, and create a final project. Contributions made by each member of the group are recorded by Blackboard, and can be viewed by the instructor to help evaluate individual effort. Create a wiki in your Blackboard course with:

Control Panel > Manage Course Menu > Tool Link > Type = Wiki Tool

fall 2011 highlights

Oktoberbest: A Celebration of Teaching

October 14, 2011

All USC faculty, instructors, and teaching assistants are invited to present at or attend the second annual Oktoberbest, a free one-day conference. We seek proposals for presentations that demonstrate effective pedagogical practices. Have you found interesting ways to present information to college students, methods for engaging students in class or online, techniques for encouraging student interaction, or creative ways to use technology to enhance your course? Think about all your strategies and choose your best or most innovative to share with others. Submit your proposal to present by September 19, 2011, or register to attend by October 10, 2011, online at www.sc.edu/cte/oktoberbest.

Integrative Learning Workshop Series

The recent USC Connect initiative has brought campus-wide attention to the term Integrative Learning. But what exactly is Integrative Learning? What are the benefits for faculty and students who engage in Integrative Learning experiences? The Center for Teaching Excellence is offering a series of engaging workshops to help all who teach understand and implement Integrative Learning strategies and components into their classes. The following workshops are in the CTE.

What is Integrative Learning?	September 1, 2011, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Integrative Learning is...Leadership	September 8, 2011, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Integrative Learning is...Research	September 19, 2011, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Integrative Learning is...Service	October 11, 2011, 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
Integrative Learning is...Study Abroad	November 14, 2011, 1:25 - 2:15 p.m.

Distributed Learning and Instructional Design

Two Instructional Designers have joined the CTE to help you design courses for Distributed Learning. Taking either a fully online or blended approach, Distributed Learning combines technology, teaching tools and resources to facilitate access to educational content. Through Distributed Learning, students can have guided pathways for discovery, be engaged in collaborative activities, and take advantage of the flexibility of "anytime, anywhere" learning. The instructional design team at CTE will be happy to consult with you about selecting the best combination of tools, resources, and teaching practices to develop online courses and course components.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 - <u>August</u> Blackboard and Educational Software Technology (BEST) Institute Times and Locations Vary – visit www.uts.sc.edu/events	16	17	18	19
22	23	24- Grading Schemas and Blackboard Grade Center 3:00pm-4:30pm, TCL Multimedia Rm Level 3	25	26
29	30- Good Discussion Board Questions Promote interaction online 2:00pm-3:15pm, CTE	31	1 - <u>September</u> What is Integrative Learning? 2:00pm-3:15pm, CTE	2- Getting Good Teaching Evaluations 12:20pm-1:10pm, CTE
5 Labor Day Holiday	6	7	8- Integrative Learning is... Leadership 2:00pm-3:15pm, CTE	9
12- Projects for Students: Assigning YouTube Movies 2:30pm-3:30pm, CTE	13- Tips for TAs Lecture planning, engaging students, classroom issues 3:30pm-4:45pm, CTE	14- Engaging Students Mungo Teaching Award panel 9:00am-10:00am, CTE	15	16- Oktoberbest proposals due 9/19. Submit an abstract to present.
19- Integrative Learning is... Research 2:30pm-3:20pm, CTE	20- Theory to Practice: Teaching Critical Thinking 11:00am-12:15pm, CTE	21- Interactive Questioning in Online Lectures 1:25pm-2:15pm, CTE	22- Power Lunch for Columbia Tenure-Track Faculty 12:30pm-1:45pm, CTE	23
26- Voyages into the Technology Frontier: Moving Images 3:30pm-5:00pm, CTE	27	28	29- Teaching and Engaging Very Large Classes Online 11:00am-12:15pm, CTE	30
3 - <u>October</u> Power Lunch for Columbia Tenure-Track Faculty 12:30pm-1:45pm, CTE	4	5- Service-Learning Community Partner Breakfast Develop partnerships 7:30am-9:00am, RH Ballroom	6- Theory to Practice: Teaching Creative Thinking 12:30pm-1:45pm, CTE	7
10- Tweeting Together: Building Community and Engaging Students in Learning 2:30pm-3:25pm, CTE	11- Integrative Learning is...Service Service-learning enhances student engagement 12:30pm-1:45pm, CTE	12- Mutual Expectations What do students expect from faculty and vice versa? 3:30pm-4:45pm, Gressette Rm Harper College, Horseshoe	13	14- Oktoberbest: A Celebration of Teaching An effective pedagogical practices conference
17	18	19	20 Fall Break	21 Fall Break
24	25- Power Lunch for Columbia Tenure-Track Faculty 12:30pm-1:45pm, CTE	26- Beyond Broadcasting Lectures: 5 More Things You Can Do With Adobe Connect 10:10-11:00am, CTE	27	28
31	1 - <u>November</u>	2	3- TA Portfolios Document & connect teaching research & service 2:00pm-3:15pm, CTE	4
7	8- Choosing Technologies for Interactive Teaching Online 2:30pm-3:30pm, CTE	9- Accent Reduction: An Introduction 5:00pm-7:00pm, Location TBA	10	11
14- Integrative Learning is... Study Abroad 1:25pm-2:15pm, CTE	15	16	17	18
5- <u>December</u> Grading Schemas and Blackboard Grade Center 12:00pm-1:30pm, Thomas Cooper Library, Multimedia Room, Level 1				