Blackboard Collaborate

Blackboard Collaborate is a web conferencing tool available within a Blackboard course. You can connect live with one or more of your students. Collaborate offers a room for each course, and lasts for the life of the course. You can schedule sessions for the room, set guest access, and give students participant permissions. Within these rooms Collaborate also lets you:

- Add files
- Edit shared content
- Use a virtual whiteboard to interact real time with your participants
- Record a Collaborate session

Collaborate is easy to use across all applications and requires no downloads or installation. The rich audio and high quality video make Collaborate sessions more engaging and easy to follow.

More information located at:
http://bbhelp.cit.cornell.edu/blackboard-collaborate/

Save the Date: March 1, 2016

Provost Michael Kotlikoff to speak on Online Learning at Cornell

Save the date for our next Cornell Online Community (COLC) of Practice campus-wide meeting on March 1, 2016. Provost Michael Kotlikoff will speak and provide his thoughts on Online Learning at Cornell. Last spring 130 people from across campus joined us for our first event. COLC is a community of practice focused on online education at Cornell University. COLC seeks to increase awareness, encourage knowledge sharing, leverage expertise, discover solutions, explore opportunities, and facilitate networking among people working in online education throughout the university.

University Website for Online Learning

CIT and Academic Technologies, in collaboration with colleges across campus, have been working diligently to design and release a new website to showcase online learning offerings at Cornell University. The website is expected to launch early 2016.

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Thursday, January 14, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

For more information or to register, visit:
http://it.cornell.edu/atregister

MOOCs
Cornell University is offering new MOOCs in 2016. The MOOCs were selected by the Online Learning Development Group, with input from Academic Technologies and the Center for Teaching Excellence. The new courses include:

**A Hands-on Introduction to Engineering Simulations**, **June 1, 2016**: Learn to analyze real-world engineering problems using powerful simulation software. Pick up key skills sought by employers.

**Sharks! Global Biodiversity, Biology, and Conservation**, **Offered June 28, 2016**: Learn about biodiversity, biology, and conservation by studying some of the most fascinating animals on Earth — sharks and their relatives.

**The Politics and Science of GMOs**, **Offered September 13, 2016**: Learn about the science and politics that surround GMOs and why they are so contentious. Gain a deeper understanding of the scientific method; how scientists evaluate data; and the importance of field-trials and information literacy.

Learn more and register:
https://www.edx.org/school/cornellx

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Classroom Technologies

**Urism Library Electronic Classroom**

Academic Technologies has partnered with the Cornell University Library to develop an exciting new learning space in Uris Library. The B05 Uris Library classroom is intended to not only support the Library’s course-integrated information literacy instruction program, but also to provide an experimental classroom for faculty who wish to experiment with new teaching approaches in a space that facilitates peer-to-peer learning and hands-on active exploration.

When Uris B05 is not being used as a classroom, students who use the space as a computer lab will be able to collaborate around large monitors using provided computers or with their own devices. The space is outfitted with a new assistive listening system and new speakers to support the use of multimedia in classroom instruction.

Faculty who are interested in using the space to try out technology-based collaboration, or who are interested in collaborating with a librarian on their course, should contact Meghan Sitar, director of Research & Learning Services at Olin and Uris Libraries, mes423@cornell.edu.

**Guidelines for faculty use of the classroom:**

https://olinuris.library.cornell.edu/ref/eclass.htm

Reserve a lab:

http://labs.cit.cornell.edu/request-a-lab/

**Pre-semester Info Session for Faculty**

Join this collaborative pre-semester info session to learn how Academic Technologies can assist you in your teaching and online learning needs.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 11:00am - 2:00pm, held at the new Goldwin Smith Hall atrium.

Faculty can drop by at their convenience.

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**Academic Technology Center**

**Tools of Engagement Program**

Interested in getting up-to-date on classroom and online technologies used to support teaching and learning? Academic Technologies is joining forces with the SUNY Tools of Engagement Program (TOEP) to expand digital literacy for teaching and learning in today’s classroom.

Academic Technologies is seeking faculty, staff and TAs to participate in the Cornell TOEP community during the 2015-2016 school year. Participants develop digital literacy skills by participating in a series of brief but focused online learning exercises and activities.

**For more information and to register for TOEP visit:**

http://acadtech.cit.cornell.edu/2015/10/12/toep/

**Learning Space Enhancement Project**

The Learning Space Enhancements Project (LSE) is an on-going plan to update and enhance technologies in learning spaces; classrooms, lecture halls, and seminar rooms on the Ithaca campus. The goal of the project is to foster a more consistent experience for faculty and students by establishing standards and installation of easily operated technologies for teaching and learning.

Updates on the LSE include:

- AV design has been developed for 60 classrooms
- Deployment of standard instructional sheets in 61 classrooms
- An upgrade to the new AV Touch Panel in 6 classrooms is expected to be completed in January 2016

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Services

- Webconferencing
- Collaboration tools: discussion boards, blogs, wikis and LabArchives.
- Check originality of student work with Turnitin
- Self-service video recording, lecture capture, video production of course materials, and video storage
- Web-based surveys (Qualtrics)
- Assessment tools, including quizzes, e-portfolios, and online assignments
- i>clicker classroom polling
- Computer labs for instruction. See the Computing Labs map to find the resources you need: mapping.cit.cornell.edu/publiclabs/map
- Course web sites

Getting Help

Self Help:
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