OVERVIEW

NEIU is converting to a new Learning Management System (LMS) called Desire2Learn, or D2L.

The entire university will be moving from Blackboard to D2L, starting with the Summer 2013 term.

Training sessions for D2L and support for transferring your materials into the new system will be offered between February 18 and March 16, 2013.

Before then, we encourage everyone to take a “sneak peek” at the new system:

1) Go to the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) D2L web site (http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L.html) and look at the PDF Quick Guides and click-by-click videos, especially the two Overview guides.
2) Then log in to NEIU’s D2L system (either via NEIUport or at http://neiu.desire2learn.com) with your NEIU NetID and password. You can look around and get a feel for how the system works!

BLACKBOARD IS GOING AWAY — PERMANENTLY!

Spring 2013 is the last semester that NEIU will be using Blackboard. No course shells will be created in Blackboard for any summer courses.

Instructors should create backups of any Blackboard course materials that they want to save. The process for creating backups is on the CTL web site at http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L.html.

GET TRAINED!

The training for the Desire2Learn system takes place over two 2-hour sessions. Each session will be offered several times, with Part A repeated over a two-week period, and Part B repeated during the following two weeks. Master course shells for all NEIU faculty will be set up in D2L before training starts.

All sessions take place in room B 105. Here is the list of training offerings:

Part A (2 hours):

- D2L Basics (Creating Content, Grades, Discussions & Communication)
- Beyond Blackboard: Retention Tools (Intelligent Agents, Rubrics)

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Part B (2 hours):

- *D2L Basics* (Dropbox & Assignments, Quizzes/Tests/Exams)
- *Beyond Blackboard: Retention Tools* (Offset Dates, User Progress, General Q&A)

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**HOW TO SIGN UP**

- Please sign up for *both* one Part A session and one Part B session (they do not need to be on the same day/time both weeks).
- There is a maximum of 20 participants per time slot, in order to allow the training to be as personalized as possible.
- Registration is first-come, first serve. If you must cancel or change, please remove your sign-up.
- Be prepared to bring a portable USB drive containing your syllabus.
- Please sign up for Part A at [http://www.doodle.com/x55ps9az8kmra4bd](http://www.doodle.com/x55ps9az8kmra4bd) and Part B at [http://www.doodle.com/psqae4wkn3x7zt6e](http://www.doodle.com/psqae4wkn3x7zt6e) as soon as possible.

**Note:** These links are clickable on the CTL web site at [http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L.html](http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L.html).

**ALTERNATIVE SELF-PACED TRAINING**

If you are unable to attend the in-person training sessions, or you would prefer to learn the new LMS yourself, see the self-paced training materials at [http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L.html](http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L.html).

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) at D2L-Faculty-Help@neiu.edu or x4467.