Register: Spring 2015 D2L Core Training

In-person D2L training will be offered at the beginning of the Spring 2015 semester (each 1.5 hours):

Part A: Repeats Jan. 20, 21, 22, & 24
Part B: Repeats Jan. 27, 28, 29, & 31

Sessions with 5 or more participants will run. Sign up for one Part A and one Part B session here:

http://homepages.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L.html

Fall 2012 Courses to be Removed from D2L

December 2014 marks two years after the end of Fall 2012 courses. All Fall 2012 course shells in D2L (marked with semester code 201310) will be REMOVED from Desire2Learn by Friday, December 19, 2014.

Fall 2012 was a pilot semester: there were only 40 courses in D2L, so this doesn’t affect everybody—yet. Pilot faculty get a separate detailed guide.

If you have content in Fall 2012 D2L courses you wish to save, copy it to your master course shell before December 19, 2014. For more about master course shells, see the Master Course Shells and Course and Content Copy guides at

http://homepages.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L.html

To request a master course shell, use the form at

http://homepages.neiu.edu/~ctl/forms/forms.html

Coming Soon: Listening Sessions

Starting in the Spring 2015 semester, the CTL will be holding listening sessions about Desire2Learn, distance learning, and hybrid learning. This is NOT another formal committee—more like a chance to have your voice heard and get questions answered in an open setting. We’ll be coming to you—so indicate your interest via

http://doodle.com/guf4v8qyuzve75zn
Register: Spring 2015 Online Teaching Course

Registration for the Spring Online Teaching course is now open, at

http://ctlonlineteachingspring2015.eventbrite.com

- The course is offered completely online between January 20 and February 13, 2015.
- Participants should plan to spend approximately 5 hours per week on course-related activities.
- The course is "hands on": participants will learn and practice online-course techniques.
- The 30 seats in this course will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The NEIU Online Teaching course is a 40-hour non-credit training course designed to provide faculty with the basic tools, techniques, and theories needed to be able to create and conduct online courses. On completion of this 4-week online course, faculty members are certified by the NEIU Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL). Course topics include:
  - building learning communities,
  - distance-education models,
  - online learning theory and learner profiles,
  - interactivity and collaboration,
  - online instructional design,
  - media selection,
  - online facilitation, assessment, and evaluation,
  - asynchronous and synchronous tools,
  - online-course syllabus development, and
  - effective course-management techniques.

Register: Spring 2015 Hybrid Teaching Course

Registration for the Spring 2015 Hybrid Teaching course is now open, at

http://ctlhybridteachingspring2015.eventbrite.com

- The course is offered as a 50/50 hybrid course between February 2 and March 13, 2015.
- Participants should plan to spend approximately 5 hours per week on course-related activities.
- The course is "hands on": participants will learn and practice hybrid-course techniques.
- The 19 seats in this course will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The Hybrid Teaching course is a 20-hour non-credit training course designed to provide faculty with the basic tools, techniques, and theories needed to be able to create and conduct hybrid, or blended-learning, courses. On completion of this 6-week hybrid course, faculty members are certified by the NEIU Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL).

D2L Discussions: Grid View is Back!

Desire2Learn removed the Grid View option from the Discussion tool back in December of 2013. You remember, the option to view discussions just by their subject lines, in nice nested rows? Well, due to overwhelming customer demand (including from NEIU faculty members), Grid View is back! Check out the 3-minute Grid View video from D2L: http://youtu.be/JJy_ZYQqt2I