Canvas... Get Started Now.

Arne Hallam: Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Economics Professor, and Canvas Early adopter shares his advice for this edition of the Teaching Tip.

With Blackboard access ending on January 5, 2018, we asked Dr. Arne Hallam, a Canvas early adopter, for his advice on learning the new learning management system in this brief Canvas... Get Started Now YouTube video (https://youtu.be/vBFICDHYQl) [1 min 15 seconds] (will open in your browser).

He stated, "Start working on it because it's not like you're just going to turn it on and it works there's going to be all kinds of things that don't look the way you want it to look.

Arne then said, "The other thing with that is there the support on campus is very very good. But you have to use it. And what I mean by what I mean by You have to use it you have to call 4-4000 You have to send e-mails or you need to walk over to the Library walk over to CELT because they have people sitting there if you walk over you basically got an individual who is there who's going to help you do it."

"I mean who will sit and help you do it. And once you've done it two or three times. You sort of pick it up. The other thing is I found the Canvas Guides which are available within Canvas. You go down you click Help Canvas Guides will have training."

"You can see OK how do the grade book or how to do such and such. But probably more useful as you type in questions and they'll start to give you other people or other universities pinging back and forth about this and to be blunt Google searches also work out in Google and say you know Canvas blah blah blah. But you just you've got to get hands on and so on."

Finally, Arne shared, "My biggest concern is that people will think oh this will just take me you know three or four hours before class starts in the spring and that won't happen. It will take some time but it's very straightforward. It works really well but that's the biggest thing is to not postpone."

You have heard it here first. CELT is here to help. There are resources available. Don't wait - the time to learn Canvas is now!

Kind Regards,

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Attend a CELT-led Canvas Workshop (Nov. 14 – Dec. 8)

CELT staff is offering five 90-minute Canvas workshops multiple times this November to highlight the pedagogy and mechanics behind Canvas functions. Read the workshop descriptions on CELT's Event and Registration website (http://www.celt.iastate.edu/events-registration), determine which day/time you would like to attend, and register via the Learn@ISU website (http://learn.iastate.edu/):

The Pedagogy of Canvas Quizzes:
• Fri., Nov. 17 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.)
• Tues., Nov. 21 (2:00 - 3:30 p.m.)
• Tues., Dec. 5 (2:00 - 3:30 p.m.)

Assignments and Grading in Canvas:
• Tues., Nov. 14 (2:00 - 3:30 p.m.)
• Tues., Nov. 28 (2:00 - 3:30 p.m.)
During Thanksgiving Break log into a CELT-led Webinar on How-to Build a Simple Course in Canvas (Nov. 20 - 22)

In this 60-minute webinar, CELT staff will walk participants through the process of building a simple course in Canvas, direct participants to the extensive Canvas online resources, webinars, self-paced tutorials and 24/7 Canvas Support available. In addition, participants will become familiar with the CELT resources available to plan, develop, and implement Canvas courses in ways that reduce barriers to learning and facilitate meaningful participation by all students. Resources and webinar recordings will be made available on the MyCanvas Teacher at ISU website (https://canvas.iastate.edu/courses/75).

Register to view one of the following webinars via Zoom by clicking on the Zoom link below:
- Mon., Nov. 20 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (View on your own using Zoom link: http://bit.ly/2yrKuHs)
- Tues., Nov. 21 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (View on your own using Zoom link: http://bit.ly/2zvq0xq)
- Wed., Nov. 22 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (View on your own using Zoom link: http://bit.ly/2Aif43m)  
(Note: Each webinar is limited to 100 people). If you need assistance connecting via Zoom, visit Zoom's Support website (https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us) OR contact ISU's Solution Center at 515-294-4000.

Tip: Attendees are encouraged to watch the two Welcome to Canvas video recordings (http://bit.ly/2vTKb6z) as prerequisites for onsite training, to provide a baseline of content knowledge in the platform.

ISCORE proposals due on Nov. 17

The annual Iowa State Conference on Race and Ethnicity (ISCORE) will be held March 2, 2018, in the Memorial Union. A preconference for faculty and staff is Feb. 28 (11:45 a.m.–5 p.m.). Planners are accepting proposals for presentations on race and ethnicity through Friday, Nov. 17. Notices of acceptance will be sent by Friday, Dec. 15. To learn more and submit a proposal, visit the ISCORE 2018 Conference website (http://www.iscore.iastate.edu/2018).

It's Almost Student Evaluation of Teaching Time

Each department at Iowa State University has local control of the departmental questionnaire, course evaluation time period, results, and reports. If you would like to know when your surveys will be active or have specific departmental questions please contact your departmental administrator using the Departmental Course Evaluation Administrators Directory (GoogleDoc) website (http://bit.ly/ccadmins).

In addition to the email invitation students may access their surveys through the learning management systems. You can read about it on CELT's Best Practices for Students and How-to Complete the Evals website (http://bit.ly/isustueval).

Upcoming CELT Programs

You may register for the following CELT programs through the Learn@ISU website (http://learn.iastate.edu/):
• Workshop: Tools for Change: How to increase student success while maintaining academic rigor, Nov. 9 (12:10 – 1:00 p.m., 2030 Morrill Hall)
• Meeting: ISU Online Learning Community (ISU-OLC), Nov. 10 (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 031 Parks Library)
• Meeting: ThinkSpace Teaching and Learning Community, Dec. 1 (2:30 – 4:00 p.m., 2030 Morrill Hall)
• Workshop: Inclusive Classroom Faculty Development Workshop, Dec. 1 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 2030 Morrill Hall)
• Conversation on Teaching Inclusively, Dec. 7 (7:30 – 9:00 a.m., 2030 Morrill Hall)
• Meeting: ISU Online Learning Community (ISU-OLC), Dec. 8 (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 031 Parks Library)
• Workshop: Inclusive Classroom Faculty Development Workshop, Jan. 4 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 2030 Morrill Hall)
• CELT Spring Semester Teaching Assistant (TA) Seminar, January 5 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 2030 Morrill Hall)

View the most up-to-date event schedule visit CELT’s Events and Registration website (http://www.celt.iastate.edu/events-registration).