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Carleton University’s Learning Management System (LMS, cuLearn) is changing in 2021

On January 20, the Provost and Associate Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) announced via email to the Carleton community that our Learning Management System (LMS), cuLearn will be changing in 2021.

In previous TLS newsletters we shared that after broad consultation with the teaching and learning community, we had determined that the LMS was not fully meeting the university’s current and future needs. As part of our process, requirements were developed for a Request for Proposal (RFP), which was issued in November 2019.

As a result of the RFP process, three vendors - Blackboard (Learn Ultra), Instructure (Canvas), and D2L (Brightspace) - were shortlisted. The university did not receive a proposal from any service provider that offered a Moodle solution, on which our current LMS is based.

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This means that Carleton will adopt a new LMS in 2021, with a limited pilot in the Winter 2021 term and full adoption for the Summer term 2021.

We need your help to make the final decision on Carleton’s new LMS. All students, faculty and staff will have a variety of opportunities to engage with each of the products. You can participate in these ways:

1. **Participate in in-person “Sandbox” sessions:** Teaching and Learning Services is hosting a number of two-hour sessions where you will be able to experience each of the three shortlisted vendors. **For these sessions, you will need to bring your own laptop or tablet to participate.** [Register online](#) for one or more of these sessions.

2. **Participate in an online “Sandbox”:** If you cannot attend an in-person session, each of the three vendors has provided a special link to their Learning Management System for online sandbox experiences. If you wish to participate, complete the **“Online Sandbox” form.**

3. **Volunteer to be an Evaluator:** Becoming an LMS vendor evaluator requires you to commit to the following:
   • Attend at least **one sandbox session** and
   • Attend **all three vendor presentations.**

   These vendor presentations are during Winter Break: **Feb. 18, 20 and 21 (1 to 4 p.m.; all three days).** You need to attend all three days to ensure a fair evaluation. If you wish to participate, complete the [Evaluator Volunteer form.](#)

Your feedback will help inform the final decision about which new LMS Carleton will choose. We encourage you to participate in whatever way you can. Your input is important and will be included as we evaluate the new LMS.

We will continue to keep the campus community updated as the project unfolds.

For more details about the LMS project, please visit: [carleton.ca/culearnsupport/lms-review/](carleton.ca/culearnsupport/lms-review/)

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**Courses and course data from Summer 2014 and before will be permanently deleted from cuLearn on February 21, 2020**
This is an important process related to regular maintenance of cuLearn, Carleton's Learning Management System (LMS), as well as compliance with Carleton's data retention policies.

As per Carleton’s policy on Retention and Removal of Course Related Data in Carleton's LMS: Undergraduate and graduate credit courses, and all data in these courses, will be retained in Carleton’s LMS for five years from the course's end date. At the end of the five-year period, expiring courses and all the material within the course will be permanently deleted.

You can review the full policy here.

If access to this material is required beyond the deletion date, instructors have the ability to archive a copy of their LMS course. Procedures to complete a backup are provided here. If you need additional assistance with creating a backup, please contact edtech@carleton.ca.

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**Wireless Teaching in Carleton Classrooms**

Electronic classrooms on campus now have software that enables professors to project/cast their devices, such as iPads and phones, onto the projector screen. Professors can cast from iPads, iPhones, Chromebooks, Android phones, Android tablets, PCs, and Macs.

Wireless screen projection allows the professor to walk around while they teach and not stay tethered to the front of the room. It also gives professors the ability to use both Apple and PC programs at the same time. Not only can professors cast their devices, but they can allow for students to mirror devices to show group work on the main screen. Up to four devices can be cast to the main screen at the same time.

For detailed instructions on how to mirror your device, see the Mirroring 360 Instructions document. For additional support or guidance contact Classroom Technology Support.

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**Save the Date – Science Teaching Symposium**

In the spirit of sharing best practices and scholarship of STEM education with our colleagues, the Faculty of
Science, with the support of TLS, is proud to organize the third annual uOttawa and Carleton University STEM Education Symposium on April 27. We encourage the participation from all interested STEM educators who want to explore new ideas about teaching practices in STEM.

The cross-faculty symposium is a venue for communication and collaboration between scholars from Carleton University, the University of Ottawa, Algonquin College and La Cite Collegial, who are interested in engaging in practical and theoretical approaches to STEM education.

There are three reasons to participate in this meaningful exchange of ideas, to:
(i) share knowledge about teaching and learning across our related STEM fields;
(ii) improve the learning experiences of our students; and
(iii) foster joint teaching and research projects between members of our STEM faculties.

Mark your calendar & be sure to join us! And if you are interested in presenting at the symposium, a call for abstracts will follow soon!

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Book an In-Class Career Workshop for Your Winter Course

Career Services is inviting faculty teaching this winter to book a Career in the Classroom Workshop. Career Services' workshops can help your students:

- Learn about what they can do with their degree
- Identify the skills they're learning through your classes and assignments
- Explore the experiential learning opportunities available to them

Book your in-class career workshop now by filling out our workshop request form.

For more information, or to discuss other ways Career Services can help you incorporate career education into your course, please contact Rocio Alvarez at careeroncampus@carleton.ca or ext. 8101.