Teaching and Learning News

Top Stories

LMS update: Latest news, training and resources

Courses have been live in Carleton's new Learning Management System (LMS), Brightspace by D2L, for two months. As we head into the late summer term, Teaching and Learning Services (TLS) continues to develop resources and training to support the Carleton community.

Brightspace is updated each month, with no system down time. This monthly update process is called Continuous Delivery and allows for new features, security updates and bug fixes to be applied seamlessly to the LMS. Each month, we'll be identifying these changes and provide a short summary of the impact for users on our What's New with Brightspace? support page.

We also continue to offer a variety of Brightspace training options and workshops, and will be hosting the last Brightspace Showcase Panel on July 22 where you can hear from fellow instructors about their experience teaching with the new LMS in the winter 2021 pilot.

We're also creating new resources, including a video demonstrating how students submit assignments in Brightspace, that you can add to your course page.

Read the full update here.

Support for teaching in the fall term

TLS is here to support instructors as you prepare your courses for the fall 2021 term. Whether you're teaching synchronously or asynchronously, HyFlex, online or face-to-face, we have resources and support available to help you design and deliver your course, including:

- Media services: Classroom studios to record content on campus, editing or chunking existing Classroom Studio recordings, producing and recording your online class live from one of our studios, and more

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Brightspace Basics: Getting Started in Carleton's New LMS
July 5, 8, 21 & 28, 2 - 4 PM
July 13 & 27, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Brightspace Quizzes
July 6, 2 - 3:30 PM
July 20, 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Brightspace Discussions
July 7, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
July 20, 2 - 3:30 PM

Brightspace Support Hour
July 8 & 21, 10 - 11 AM
July 13 & 29, 1 - 2 PM

Brightspace Communication and Collaboration
July 8, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Getting Start with Kaltura's Eco-System
July 12 - 14, 10 AM - 12 PM

Brightspace Assignments and Rubrics
July 12, 2 - 4 PM
July 29, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Hyflex - An Introduction
July 13 & 20, 1 - 2:30 PM

Introduction to
Pedagogical support: developing a course communication and class facilitation plan, support for assessment design and implementation, and other supports

Educational technology: designing your course in Brightspace, embedding recordings and other content in your course, and support for integrating eLearning tools, such as H5P, cuPortfolio, Microsoft Teams, Poll Everywhere and Zoom into your course

If you'd like to book a one-on-one consultation to discuss any facet of your course, please complete our course consultation request form. We've also updated our Teaching Online page with new resources around the HyFlex model to help you design and deliver your course, and continue to offer a variety of workshops and training.

Instructor check-in: July

We've put together monthly check-ins for instructors to reflect upon at specific points during the term. As the Carleton community continues to adjust to online teaching and learning, these check-ins can help you stay on track, stay organized and be proactive in solving any issues that might arise this term.

This month's check-in focuses on Brightspace basics, communication, course progress and assessments.

We're also hosting a July Check-in Chat to discuss these topics on July 21 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Whether you have ideas to share, are searching for guidance, or simply want to know how others have approached teaching this year, we invite you to join us.

Get started with HyFlex

Are you teaching a HyFlex class this fall but aren't sure where to begin? There are several resources and supports available to help you get started with this new modality:

- Reach out to TLS for one-on-one consultations to work through your individual challenges and questions
- Sign up for on-campus recording to record lectures or other content in a classroom studio
- Familiarize yourself with the HyFlex space and technology by booking a room orientation
- Review the recommended practices for teaching and learning
- Register for an introductory workshop on July 13 or July 20 to see one of the HyFlex rooms in action

For additional support preparing to teach HyFlex this fall, visit the HyFlex webpage.

Blog: Do you know SAMR?

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Have you been asking yourself what technologies you could or should use to deliver your online courses? Maybe you're looking for some guidance on what to use, and when. Teaching online challenges us to try a lot of new things, but we don't have to imagine what
functions well and when on our own. Instead, we can refer to the technology and learning pedagogy models which are out there to assist us in making informed decisions about technology in our lessons. Read more.

Don't forget!

- **New Faculty Orientation**: Our new, fully online New Faculty Orientation is taking place later this month. Intended for new faculty members teaching this fall, the two-part orientation will feature an asynchronous portion with materials for participants to review at their convenience, as well as a live online synchronous Q&A session. Find all the details here.

- **Apply for the Students as Partners Program**: There are still spots available for the Students as Partners Program (SaPP) to help you prepare your courses for the fall term. Fully funded by TLS, this program offers instructors and learning support staff the opportunity to involve undergraduate students in course design through paid work experience. Learn more and apply here.

- **Fulbright opportunity**: Do you know an American scholar with expertise in student success, critical pedagogy or experiential learning? Encourage them to apply for the Distinguished Chair in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL). The deadline to apply is September 15.