TEACHING WITH TECH
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to reuse an old Blackboard course? Blackboard courses can be duplicated in part or entirely using **Copy Course** located under Course Options on the Control Panel. Individual courses can be reset to remove specific content and data like Messages, Course Statistics and Grade Book entries using **Recycle Course** located under Course Options on the Control Panel.

If you would like to learn more about reusing Blackboard shells, attend our workshop on Monday, January 13 at noon. Sign up today to attend in person or via Blackboard Collaborate.

FAVORITE TEACHING TOOL SPOTLIGHT

These are the favorite teaching tools that you sent in:

DR. TED SONG — My favorite teaching tools are white board and markers. They help the class to interact with the instructor, and the instructor is easily able to change the speed of the lecture according to students' understandings. One additional teaching tool is Blackboard discussion; students could share their ideas online apart from class time, which could enhance students' learning.

DR. TIM GILMOUR — My favorite teaching tool is the overhead LCD projector. It allows me to project PowerPoint lectures for my class. Other favorite tools are the ELMO camera device, my laser pointer, my scanner (for getting diagrams from textbooks for my PowerPoints), our copier/scanner machine, MATLAB software, the TurningPoint remote clicker response system, and the wireless slide advancer remote.

DR. TIM WAKEFIELD — My favorite teaching tool is the IF-AT form supplied by Epstein Educational Enterprises. This is a paper form with a series of 50 scratch-off multiple choice answers. Under one of the answers is a star indicating a correct answer. I use this form in multiple classes as a way of assessing learning. For example, I'll put a series of Anatomy-related multiple-choice questions on the screen using PowerPoint. The students work together to answer the question, then scratch off their guess to see if it is correct. But even if they are wrong they get to keep working because there are still three more choices. This activity makes the assessment fun, and it also builds camaraderie amongst the students in my class.

DR. ROBERT NORWOOD — Doceri on the iPad (http://doceri.com/). I use it to record solution walk-thrus for homework problems.

TECH TUESDAYS

January 14: Building a Blackboard Course

Do you want to make your Blackboard course more useful for your students? Maybe you've been using Blackboard but would like to learn better ways to organize content or make it more personalized. Attend this workshop to get some quick tips and best practices to use when building a Blackboard course. Bring your questions about what you would like to know so that we can help.
Sign up here.

February 11: Tests in Blackboard

Giving tests and quizzes in Blackboard can reduce your grading time and allow students to take tests without coming to the physical classroom. Or, if you want to have a quick quiz for understanding, you can have students take this prior to attending class. Attend this workshop for tips on creating and deploying tests in Blackboard.
Sign up here.

View more details and make sure to sign up today. Want to attend from the comfort of your own desk? Choose "via Blackboard Collaborate" when you sign up. Have you missed a past workshop that you'd like to watch? Visit our **Webinars** page for all past recordings.

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