



# Centre for Teaching and Learning

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## Time to Register! Free to Register!

Register online for UBC Okanagan's Learning Conference at:

<http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/conference/>.

UBC Okanagan's fourth annual Learning Conference theme "Teaching and Learning in a Changing World" invites educators to share their research and practice in sessions that will explore the role of student research, learner engagement, critical thinking across disciplines, and the use of new technology in teaching and learning.

Dr. Joy Mighty, President of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education will open the conference with the keynote "Preparing Global Citizens: Educational Reform in the 21st Century". The second day will begin with a keynote address "Where is the Community in Web 2.0?" by Dr. Richard Schwier, 3M National Teaching Fellow (2005).

This year we have faculty leading sessions who are from University of British Columbia Okanagan & Vancouver, St. Thomas University, Thompson River University, University of Technology Sydney, McEwan College, and Okanagan College.

Watch the conference web site for updates <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/conference/>.

The program will be released April 5, 2007 online.

For more information visit <http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/conference.html> or contact Peter Arthur at 250-807-9207 or email [peter.arthur@ubc.ca](mailto:peter.arthur@ubc.ca).

## Second Annual Faculty Workshop on Student Engagement

A number of faculty, staff and students joined together on Monday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> to further explore the enhancement of student engagement on this campus. Last year the focus was on student engagement strategies within the classroom, but this year's focus was the 'all around campus experience', examining student engagement from different perspectives throughout a typical student's university career – from Day One to Graduation.



Ian Cull, AVP-Students, provided an overview of today's student at UBC Okanagan and how that might impact what faculty and staff do both in and out of the classroom. Brian Sullivan, Vice President – Students (Vancouver) was on hand to answer questions regarding NSSE results (National Survey on Student Engagement).

A panel of 5 students representing 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> year provided faculty with insight into their experiences and preferences. They shared reflections on what engages them at UBC Okanagan, how they learn best, what attracted them to UBC Okanagan and what keeps them here.

Discussion groups shared student engagement successes, reflected on how the presentations might impact their daily routine and identified innovative ways to provide an enhanced student experience at UBC Okanagan.

We look forward to continuing the dialogue in order to provide the ultimate student experience here at UBC Okanagan.

For more information please visit: [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/support/engagement](http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/support/engagement).

## Faculty Workshops

To register please visit: [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl](http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl) or call 807-9293.

### MS Word 2007

**Friday, May 9th**

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Location: SSC 044

Are you frustrated? Need to learn to use MS Word 2007 efficiently? Come and learn what Word 2007 can do for you! This program has many new and improved features over past versions of Microsoft Word. By the end of this 1 hour session, you will love your new Word 2007 program!

### Using WebCT gradebook and calculating your final grades

**Thursday, April 17th**

1:00pm-2:00pm

**Friday, April 18th**

11:00am-12:00pm

**Monday, April 21st**

1:00pm-2:00pm

**Thursday, April 24th**

11:00am-12:00pm

**Tuesday, April 29th**

11:00am-1:00pm

Location: SSC044

This session is designed for instructors or TAs who use WebCT Gradebook and require assistance with calculating final grade formulas. These grades may then be exported in a format that you can upload to FSC. Exporting and importing grades requires that you be somewhat proficient with Microsoft Excel. (Please note that you do not need to import grades to FSC, this process can be easily done manually especially for smaller sized classes).

**Please note: Limited to 4 people per session unless bringing own laptops.**

## Moving forward from WebCT Campus Edition to WebCT Vista



The University of British Columbia Okanagan campus is in the process of implementing a new enterprise level online Learning Management System (LMS). Blackboard's WebCT Vista will replace the aging WebCT Campus Edition (CE) version 4. The first phase of transition began in January 2007 with a few local courses and several more in Vancouver as part of the pilot project. WebCT Vista is proving to be a very robust and feature rich LMS that is easy to use.

At this year's Student Engagement forum, students unanimously agreed that those instructors using WebCT were providing a valuable learning tool that helped to engage them with the course content and with their peers. Please note that all WebCT course content will be archived and can be imported into WebCT Vista courses at your request.

All new courses beginning in summer session 2008 will be created in **WebCT Vista** (May-August 2008). All winter courses beginning in September 2008 will be created in **WebCT Vista**.

Please visit our website for details and the most current up to date information on this transition. We will be providing a series of WebCT Vista workshops for instructors and TA's in computer labs. Please check our website for workshop descriptions and to register for these hands on sessions. [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/events.html](http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/events.html)

### Upcoming Introductory Sessions:

#### Introduction to WebCT Vista – Getting a first look

Friday, April 4th - 2:00pm – 3:00pm in SSC044  
Wednesday, April 23rd & 30th - 10:30am-11:30am in SSC044

This session will provide participants with a brief but thorough introduction and overview of WebCT Vista. Information will also be provided about the transition process and upcoming workshops, online training sessions and drop in sessions all designed to help ensure a smooth transition for instructors. At this time we will also address your questions and any concerns you may have.

#### Create your WebCT Vista Course Content

Drop in Sessions: 1:00pm – 3:00pm in SSC044  
Wednesdays: April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and May 14th & 21st

These sessions provide participants with the opportunity to begin customizing their WebCT Vista course site. Bring your laptop or ensure that you have access to course materials for uploading from your F Drive or a memory stick (or you can email documents to yourself). Any general questions and concerns can also be addressed at this time.

You may request access to a training website and practice course by contacting Patricia Wohlgemuth at [patricia.wohlgemuth@ubc.ca](mailto:patricia.wohlgemuth@ubc.ca) or at 807-9293.

To request your WebCT Vista course please fill out the form at: [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/elearning/webct/courserequest](http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/elearning/webct/courserequest). For further information or if you have questions please contact Janine Hirtz at [janine.hirtz@ubc.ca](mailto:janine.hirtz@ubc.ca) or at 807-9133.

## Partners in Teaching Excellence

Just a reminder that Centre staff are available for individual consultations for faculty wishing to implement innovations in instruction for teaching and learning excellence. The Centre also offers Learning Communities where faculty share experiences in teaching and learning. We currently offer Peer Mentoring, Teaching Squares, Instructional Skills Seminars as well as other programs listed on our website. We are currently expanding our faculty resources section to offer current information on new trends in Higher Education. Contact the Centre for more information.



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Hours of Operation  
8:30am-4:30pm  
(closed for lunch noon-1:00pm)

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is located in SSC 044 (underneath the cafeteria patio).