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JUNE BLACKBOARD CLASSES

Introduction to Blackboard 5.5

This course is designed for instructors, teaching assistants, and IT support staff interested in learning the basics of 1) posting content to Blackboard sites, 2) using Blackboard's communication tools, 3) customizing sites, and 4) controlling access to them. Blackboard's strengths and limitations as a courseware platform will also be discussed. No previous experience using Blackboard is necessary.

Dates and times:

Wednesday, June 5; 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.; #C106-021

Monday, June 10; 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; #C106-022

Thursday, June 20; 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; #C106-023

Blackboard Online Gradebook and Assessments

This course comprehensively explores Blackboard's Online Gradebook and Assessment Manager tools. The course is designed for instructors, teaching assistants, and IT support staff who have a good working knowledge of Blackboard but want to learn more about the strengths and limitations of these tools.

Date and time:

Wednesday, June 26; 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.; #C107-008

To register call the ATN Training Center at 962-1160 and give the registrar the following information: your complete name, department, affiliation (faculty, staff, or student), daytime phone number, and the course number.

CAROLINA COURSE EVALUATIONS SUMMER SESSION 2002 SCHEDULE

Each semester, the Center for Instructional Technology facilitates course evaluations through the Carolina Course Evaluations program. Important dates for the Summer Session I 2002 program:

June 3 -- Registration for Subject Coordinator, and selection of courses for which you need forms begins

June 11 -- Last day to select courses

June 14 -- Evaluation forms available for pick-up by subject coordinators

July 15 -- Evaluation forms for Summer Session I 2002 scanning are complete. Forms can be picked up, and results will be available.

For more information about the Carolina Course Evaluations program, go to <http://www.unc.edu/cit/cce/index.html>

ATN TRAINING CENTER CLASSES FOR JUNE 2002

The June 2002 ATN Computer Training Class Schedule is now available at <http://www.unc.edu/atn/training/schedule/schedule.html>

ATN's computer classes are open to UNC-Chapel Hill faculty, staff, undergraduates, and graduate students.

IBIBLIO HOSTS THE CREATIVE COMMONS

The Creative Commons, launched this month, "seeks to counteract the barriers to creativity that its founders believe current copyright protection law fosters." The non-profit online clearinghouse, based at Stanford University and hosted by UNC-Chapel Hill's ibiblio, will provide a free set of tools to enable creators to share aspects of their copyrighted works with the public. For more information go to <http://www.creativecommons.org/>

ibiblio is a collaboration of The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the Center for the Public Domain, a philanthropic foundation based in Durham, North Carolina. For more information and links to ibiblio's online collections, go to <http://www.ibiblio.org/>

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ITRC TIP: NETSCAPE MESSENGER KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

Here are some of the keyboard shortcuts that you can use in the Netscape Messenger main window:

Ctrl + O Opens the selected message in a separate window

Ctrl + S Brings up the Save Message As dialogue box

Ctrl + P Prints the selected message

Ctrl + W Closes the Messenger Window

Ctrl + F Searches within the current message open in the preview pane

Ctrl +] Increases the font in the preview pane

Ctrl + [Decreases the font in the preview pane

Ctrl + M Opens a new message composition window

Ctrl + Q Closes all open Netscape windows

For additional Netscape Messenger shortcuts see <http://email.about.com/library/weekly/aa100499-1.htm>

For more computing assistance, contact the Information Technology Response Center, Wilson Library, Suite 300.

Walk-in Hrs: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: 962-HELP -- 24 hours/7 days a week

Email: help@unc.edu

Web: <http://www.unc.edu/atn/itrc/>

CITations Tips Archive

The ITRC, CBT, and Lyris tips published in *CITations* are archived on the Web, so you can locate tips without having to search through all the back issues. The tips archive is at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/citations/tips.html>

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed about technology conferences with the CIT's "Education Technology and Computer-Related Conferences" at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/irg-37.html> and "Calendar of World-Wide Educational Technology-Related Conferences, Seminars, and Other Events." The calendar is at <http://confcal.unc.edu:8086/>

2002 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

June 7 & 21

July 12 & 26

August 9 & 23

September 13 & 27

October 11 & 25

November 8 & 22

December 6 & 20

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