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University Wide Notices

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Online/Hybrid Course Design Support Options Available for Summer

Interested in designing (or redesigning) your course for Fall Semester, and looking for support over the summer?

Designing a high quality online class typically takes as much time as taking the class (e.g. approximately 120 hours for a 3-credit course). Designing your course this summer can be completed with the full support of our eLearning Design Cohort, while you control your time and pace to fit your summer plans. At the end of the process, in addition to other technology tools that you use in your course, you will be able to confidently video conference, create annotated screencasts, and create and upload a video for use in your course.

REGISTER NOW TO GET STARTED:

What: Su2019 Design Cohort kick off, all other work completed online

When: May 20th, 2019, 3:00 - 5:00 pm,

Where: (directly following the first day of the eLearning Course Design Institute.

RSVP to the eLearning Team: Yes, I want to [Register Now](#)

KICK OFF MEETING AGENDA:

- 1.
2. Discuss the process including the summer cohort
3. course showcase
- 4.
- 5.
6. Review the timeline and open lab schedule
- 7.
- 8.
9. Meet other faculty in your cohort
- 10.
- 11.

12. Set up

13. eLearning consultations during the summer to support your course development

14.

PREPARATION FOR THE COHORT KICK OFF MEETING:

Please email us, and bring to the meeting, a background of your course to be designed, including:

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- Your course syllabus
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- A paragraph on course audience (required course?
- Elective? Special topics? How does it fit in the program?)
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- Background information of your course
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- Talk about your hopes for your online course
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- What semester you plan to teach this course
- for the first time
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*Working independently and online not your preferred method to design (or redesign) an online or hybrid course for Fall? Looking for more face-to-face time and sharing with peers across Ferris? Register for our face-to-face **eLearning Course Design Institute** - A 5-day workshop to get a jump start on your online course, including work sessions with eLearning staff, lunch provided daily, and training in the new LMS. It is highly recommended for those with minimal experience in online course design and/or online teaching, or those wanting to ensure they are using current best practices. This f2f training provides structured time to start on your online course with daily keynotes, technology and pedagogical skill development, and time working on your course with eLearning Team support. After the Institute, you will finish the rest of your course independently, with us to support you. [Register Now for the f2f eLearning Course Design Institute, May 20-24, 2019, FLITE 112.](#)*

Note: *The next opportunity is the **Fa2019 Design Cohort** with the kick-off meeting August 15, 2019, supporting faculty in working independently for courses to be offered in Winter or Summer, 2020.*



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Construction Traffic at Top Taggart Field for May 9-10

Please be advised that there will be construction activities on Stadium Drive east of Top Taggart Field and on Campus Drive north of Top Taggart Field on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10. The contractor working in this area will be staging trucks for material pick up as part of a construction project. Additionally, the contractor will provide signage and use flags to direct traffic while work is taking place.

Questions can be directed to Karen Simmon, simmonk@ferris.edu or 231-591-2920

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Notice of Flag Lowering - Governor's Office

Gov. Whitmer Orders Flags Lowered to Honor Judge Damon J. Keith

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has ordered U.S. and Michigan flags within the State Capitol Complex and on all state buildings to be lowered to half-staff on Monday, May 13, 2019, to honor the life and service of civil rights icon and Senior Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Damon J. Keith.

“Judge Damon Keith was a civil rights icon. In his decades of public service, he stood up for what was right, even if it meant facing attacks and threats from others,” **Whitmer** said. “Because of his strength, his determination, and his commitment to ending racism in our country, Michigan is grateful and better for it. We should honor Judge Keith’s legacy by working together to build a Michigan where everybody, no matter who they are or where they come from, can get ahead.”

The State of Michigan recognizes the duty, honor and selfless service of Judge Damon Keith by lowering flags to half-staff. Michigan residents, businesses, schools, local governments and other organizations also are encouraged to display the flag at half-staff.

To lower flags to half-staff, flags should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The process is reversed before the flag is lowered for the day.

Flags should be returned to full-staff on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

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Canvas Chosen by Faculty as New LMS

After a year-long review process, members of the LMS Review Committee has picked Canvas to replace Blackboard as the new Learning Management System at Ferris. The transition from Blackboard to Canvas will take place in the following 4 phases between now and June 30, 2020:

- A summer pilot with an anticipated 15-20 faculty who will convert quickly and be ready to teach using the new LMS this summer.
- A summer cohort of faculty who will use the summer to convert and be ready to teach using the new LMS for fall 2019.
- A fall cohort of faculty who will use the fall to convert and be ready to teach in the new LMS spring 2020.
- A spring cohort of faculty who will use spring to convert and be ready to teach in the new system after the existing Blackboard contract ends.

Please use the following link to sign up for a conversion cohort <https://forms.gle/142H2xcFoow1z6KH8>

Signing up for a cohort is key to a smooth transition and will allow the eLearning team to disseminate information in a timely manner. Each cohort will receive a variety of training options including (but not limited to) workshops (both on main campus and statewide locations), self-paced online training, walk-up consultation tables (“Canvas Bars”), open work labs, and department-specific workshops.

Please contact the eLearning Team if you have any questions.

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