

Guidance for Creating an On-Line Component for Your MUSE Course

MUSE courses, by their very nature, must be face-to-face. But, you may find that you want to steer your students to specific web sites for some of your class assignments, to create an on-line chat room for them, to communicate easily with them from a distance when needed, to post your greensheet and other handouts, etc.

Thus, you may want to create a web site for your course or even a WebCT framework that would allow for on-line communication among your students, posting grades on-line, and much more.

For example, Professor Mary McVey's MUSE course will have an on-line element through WebCT to supplement the class time. She offers the following observations of the on-line component (thanks, Mary):

"I am so delighted that [WebCT shells can be created for the MUSE classes]! I have been teaching both fully online classes as well as those with at least some component online for several years now and cannot say enough about how positive it is for the learning process.....I think it will be particularly good for the MUSE students for the following reasons:

1. They will have a "place" of their own for communication and connection outside of the regular classroom--which means that they can get in touch with me and/or other students in a much easier way than is traditionally the case...and likewise, I can check in with them more often and keep them up-to-date with both class and university news. It's such a great way for students to get to really know each other and the professor--I (and my students) have found it much better than only having interaction in a regular classroom alone.
2. It will reinforce the notion that learning doesn't stop because they have left the classroom.
3. It will help them to see that being a university level student means that they have to assume an active role as a learner.
4. They will be learning important new skills that will allow them to be ahead of the game in terms of taking more online classes."

Getting Assistance

- Creating a Web Site: You may first want to check with in your Department or College to see if assistance is available.
- WebCT Shell and Instructions: Contact [Jeremy Kemp](#), Academic Coordinator in [SJSU's e-Campus](#).
- Create CDs for your students: The Center for Faculty Development and Support can help you create CDs and make copies for your students. This might be useful if it would save you copying reading materials, or you have color items you want them to view that are too large of files for easy web viewing.
- Center for Faculty Development and Support trains faculty [April Qian](#) (924-2456)