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IMC Highlights

Through a SPIF grant, a distance learning consultant will be at Western on January 22 (Thursday) and January 23 (Friday). Please join us for one or more sessions. Based on feedback from Western, Dr. Sal Sanders will present workshops in the areas noted below.

Instructional Design/Course Development Issues	Digital Imaging
Podcasting (Audio)	Audio/Slide Presentations
Podcasting (Video)	Online Orientation to the Course Management System
Providing Student Services to Online Learners	WebCT Quizzes and Surveys

Each workshop has been assigned to a tentative time slot. However, we want to be of the greatest value to the largest number of faculty. Thus, if the faculty at any given session wish to explore a topic other than the one scheduled for the time block, faculty interest will be accommodated.

Sal is a long-time faculty member who has also served as an instructional technologist. He is eager to share ideas and experience with Western's faculty and staff.

Please RSVP to gmapley@missouriwestern.edu if you plan to attend one of the working lunches.

Thursday
9:30 am -1:30 pm Spratt 212 (PC Lab)
2:00 am - 4:00 pm Spratt 205
7:00 am -9:00 pm Spratt 212 (PC Lab)

Friday
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2:00 am - 4:00 pm Spratt 205

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Tip of the Month

Viewing Television Events:

With the upcoming Presidential Inauguration there has been an expressed interest in devoting class time to this and other important live television events. Luckily, most classrooms and labs that are equipped with presentational equipment have the ability to watch live television. In most cases, this is accomplished through the VCR located in the equipment rack in each classroom and lab.

To watch any channel provided within the basic plan of Cablevision you simply turn on the Video/Data Projector and turn on the VCR. Make sure the VCR input is selected on the control panel, then simply press either the channel up or channel down button until you arrive at program you would like to watch.

We hope this ability provides you with another tool to expose students to your curriculum and increases the versatility of your class time.

Protecting your Privacy on Skype:

Skype can be advantageous for academic use, but like any sort of communication program there is always the issue of privacy. To ensure that you are properly protected from spammers, automated bots, and programs designed to use the Skype system to advertise under the pretense of a user, you should check your privacy settings. This process can alleviate a great deal of annoyance and useless spam.

First, open your program and log into your account. Find the “Tools” section in the menu at the top. A drop-down menu will open; select and click on “Options”. You will need to click on the Privacy tab from the tabs on the left hand side of the window to view a list of different options to adjust your privacy with. On all of these options you should have “Only friends and contacts” option selected. This will tell Skype to only accept incoming requests from people you already know and have added to your contact list and will block anyone who isn’t from sending you any calls or messages. Your colleagues can still send contact requests to be added to your contact list.

Closed Captioning:

With some video film series you may want to display closed captioning in your classroom.

Videotapes and DVD's that are encoded will have one of the closed caption logos printed on the label. To get closed captioning turned on in a classroom please contact us. We will install a piece of equipment to have the closed caption display on the projected image.



ANNENBERG:

Annenberg / PBS programming is shown each week on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. The series “World of Abnormal Psychology”, “The Constitution: That Delicate Balance” and “Rural Communities: Legacy & Change” are being shown through the month of April. For more up-to-date information on our Annenberg / PBS airings, go online to www.missouriwestern.edu/IMC/ETS/tvprogguide.html select the semester, then the appropriate week.

NASA:

Calling all science and technology buffs! Tune into our coverage of the next NASA Space Shuttle launch, anticipated for February 12, 2009. The 14-day mission for the STS-119 crew will see the Space Shuttle Discovery delivering the S6 truss segment as well as a new station crew member to the orbital outpost. Four space walks are planned for this mission. Visit NASA’s website for more information, www.nasa.gov.

The majority of our coverage of NASA’s feed while the Space Shuttle is in orbit will occur from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and daily from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Check the program schedule listed at the website listed above for more specific times.

Don’t forget about the Photo Roster, available to all instructors. Go to <https://aps1.missouriwestern.edu/photoroster2> and login using the G# and used to log into Banner. Once logged in, there is a choice as to the view that is desired. The default course roster, including pictures, shows only currently enrolled students. If the entire listing, including those that have dropped or withdrawn is desired, click on “Show this course with drops”. Explanations of codes beside student names can be viewed by touching the code with the computer’s mouse.

Blackboard/WebCt contains a plagiarism tool called SafeAssign. Each course, complete with roster, is already in WebCT and this tool can be activated with just a few clicks. Call or email Cindy Wells for help or more information. SafeAssign workshops are planned, so watch your email and future additions of the IMC newsletter.

If there are courses appearing in the Blackboard/WebCt listing that are not in the Spring semester, please send Cindy Wells the specifics and the issue will be rectified. Courses are not gone; they just will not appear in your list. If you need help moving courses to another semester, please contact Cindy Wells and she will guide you through the process.