



EDU C417-50 Principles of Online Learning: Building Better Online Learning Environments

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I. Course Description:

With the rising tide of online learning options, it is easy lose the solid instructional foundation to flashy web resources. This course is designed to help you build online learning environments in Moodle using ten essential elements that will increase participation, improve instructor/student and student/student relationships, and provide a user-friendly and effective online learning experience for all learners.

II. Course Aims and Objectives:

Students in this course should be able to:

- Identify the characteristics of effective learning environments
- Design a course shell that utilizes the essentials of effective online learning.
- Utilize researched based methods and technology tools to create engagement in the online environment.

III. Tentative Course Schedule (See online course calendar for specific due dates.)

Class Topics:	Assignment(s):
Intro to Online Learning	Course Readings/Discussion
Building Pathways for Communication	Discussion posts/Adding Communication tools to course shell
Understanding and Maximizing effectiveness of Forums	Discussion posts/Adding Forums to course shell
Online learning materials	Discussion posts/Adding online learning materials to course shell
Scaffolding online success with digital media	Discussion posts/Adding Digital media to course shell
Building more Collaborative Environments	Discussion posts/Adding collaboration tools to course shell
Building Effective Assessments	Discussion posts/Adding an assessment to course shell
Supporting Online Learners	Discussion posts/Final Project Due