



# Information Technology eNews

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## Blackboard 9.1 Upgrade:

We will be upgrading to Blackboard 9.1 on June 29, 2011. Please arrange to learn more about Bb9.1 by taking one of our workshops on Tuesdays or Wednesdays during May and June. Tuesday sessions are online; Wednesday sessions will be in the Library. Please be sure to sign up at least a day in advance, as sessions with no enrollees will be cancelled. Find dates and register at this site:

[http://www.morgan.edu/Administration/Planning\\_and\\_Information\\_Technology/Technology\\_Services/Technology\\_Training\\_Services/Our\\_Calendar.html](http://www.morgan.edu/Administration/Planning_and_Information_Technology/Technology_Services/Technology_Training_Services/Our_Calendar.html).

You may also contact [karen.rubinstein@morgan.edu](mailto:karen.rubinstein@morgan.edu) if your department would like to arrange a special training session for Bb9.1.

**NOTE:** Blackboard will be unavailable during the upgrade, starting at 12:30 AM EST (June 29, 2011). It should complete on or before 12:30 PM EST the next day. All existing courses and accounts will remain on the system.

## New Blackboard Policy:

All new courses added to Blackboard, beginning in Summer 2011, will automatically be set to “be available.” This means you will no longer have to manually set them to be available to students. All courses with a CRN number will be made unavailable four weeks after the conclusion of each semester.

## Online Course Design Workshop:

Faculty interested in creating an online course may register for the Online Course Design workshop, which begins **May 24, 2011**. Please find a description and registration form here:

[http://www.morgan.edu/Administration/Planning\\_and\\_Information\\_Technology/Technology\\_Services/Technology\\_Training\\_Services/Online\\_Course\\_Design.html](http://www.morgan.edu/Administration/Planning_and_Information_Technology/Technology_Services/Technology_Training_Services/Online_Course_Design.html)

## Teach Online:

Faculty interested in teaching online may register for the summer session of Morgan’s Teach Online workshop,

which begins **June 13, 2011**. Please find a description and registration form here:

[http://www.morgan.edu/Administration/Planning\\_and\\_Information\\_Technology/Technology\\_Services/Technology\\_Training\\_Services/Teach\\_Online.html](http://www.morgan.edu/Administration/Planning_and_Information_Technology/Technology_Services/Technology_Training_Services/Teach_Online.html)

## **New TTS Workshops:**

### **1. Adobe Connect**

Adobe Connect is web conferencing software that faculty may use to conduct live class sessions with students over the internet. This is a great tool for an online office hour, or for other situations in which you need to meet with students synchronously over the internet. Admin/Staff may use this tool to conduct online meetings. This workshop is conducted online using Adobe Connect. In order to participate, you will need to have a computer with speakers and/or a webcam microphone and you will use this link to participate:

<http://connect.soe.morgan.edu/tts>

### **2. Lecture/Content Capture:**

Panopto Course Cast (Focus) allows you to capture video/audio and synchronize it with PowerPoint or screen capture. Use this tool to create presentations, or pod/video casts to add to Blackboard or for students to access directly. Learn more about Course Cast at one of our workshops. The next scheduled date is Thursday, May 12th. You will need your own laptop with a web cam for this workshop. Please be sure to sign up at least a day in advance, as sessions with no enrollees will be cancelled.

Complete workshop dates/times may be found on our calendar at:

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