Educational Technology: Elective Seminar

Seminar Description

This seminar will introduce Teaching Assistants to technological resources at CWRU, including the Blackboard Course Management system, additional software available through Information Technology Services (ITS), and technological equipment provided by Kelvin Smith Library (KSL). Students will have the opportunity to experiment with using at least one of these resources, while also learning to navigate other technologies that may be useful in the classroom or laboratory.

Seminar Objectives

- To learn basic techniques needed to maneuver through Blackboard in your role as a Teaching Assistant
- To become familiar with technological resources offered through various CWRU departments, including ITS and KSL.

Introduction: What is Blackboard?

Blackboard is a course management system that allows faculty members and Teaching Assistants to upload course materials, announcements, links, and quizzes to the Internet without using HTML. Blackboard also includes a number of communication tools including discussion boards, electronic drop boxes, and a virtual classroom designed for real-time virtual class meetings. Moreover, Blackboard assists instructors in enhancing student collaboration and communication through blogs and group sites.

For each course, instructors are able to create a course website on the Case Blackboard site, http://blackboard.case.edu.

Blackboard Assistance at CWRU

Information Technology Services (ITS) supports faculty, students, and staff in the use of technology and learning. In addition to Blackboard instruction and consultation, ITS also offers support in the use of Technology Enhanced Classrooms (TECs), MediaVision Courseware,
instructional design, assessment, and other ways of integrating technology into teaching and learning activities. For more information, contact ITS at (216) 368-4357 or visit their website, http://www.case.edu/its/blackboard/.