

Online Learning and Educational Resources

Context

Technology is transforming the way students engage with information, with education and with each other in their daily lives. Increasingly, students have come to expect online learning environments and components in their learning experiences; the technology and information revolution thus creates new possibilities for meeting the learning needs of students. Developing online learning and educational resources can allow us to re-think pedagogies and engagement strategies. Creating and adapting new tools, creative learning environments and pedagogies of online learning and engagement can empower students and the entire Lane community to connect with the emerging global information infrastructure and with each other.

*As new media are used by students both as their source of raw information and as the tools through which they express their mastery, the role of educator changes. Instead of teachers providing "content" to students, they now are freed to help students find "context" and meaning in their studies. **New Horizons for Learning, Multi-Media Encourages New Learning Styles***

The commitment to exploring and expanding online learning and educational resources is not limited to any single teaching methodology or medium. Rather, our aim is to identify appropriate technological enhancements to serve the college mission, and to providing fiscally sustainable support and tools. The continuum of online components may range from simple administrative tools that facilitate classroom functions, to hybrid courses with some technologically mediated components, to fully online courses immersed in virtual learning environments.

Goals

- Expand quality online learning and educational resources
- Determine the effectiveness of online teaching and learning
- Identify and provide support services, including faculty and staff professional development opportunities, that will promote student success in modern learning environments