LTC Newsletter

May 2017

COURSE PURGE	COLLABORATE UPGRADE	TURNITIN

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Can't stop in? Make a "virtual" appointment - we'll meet with you online! Call x1848 or email ltcsupport to schedule.

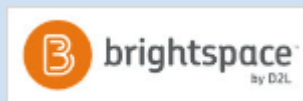---

SPRING 2017 VENANGO HOURS:
8:30 - 4:30 pm
MAY: 8, 18, 22
JUN: 1, 5, 15, 19, 29
JUL: 10, 20, 24
AUG:

D2L NEWS AND TIPS

• **CD MONTHLY UPDATES** - See what's coming in the next D2L Continuous Delivery update. View the CD Update web page.

~ UPGRADES Starting May 15 ~

Several upgrades and D2L events: Collaborate Update (May 15), Course purge (June 1), Turnitin upgrade (July 12), and D2L Continuous Delivery changes (monthly) :

D2L Course Purge

In November and March, an upcoming course purge was announced in keeping with the PASSHE course retention policy. The schedule for the purge of D2L courses in semesters beginning Summer 2010 through Spring 2012 is displayed below. Please see the proposed timings and review the documentation on how to backup your course using Course Export.

View the reference guide to compare what IS and IS NOT included in an export file.

The course deletion process will begin June 1, starting with courses in the Summer, Fall and Winter 2010 semesters. The purge plans include deleting courses for a calendar year according to the schedule below:

2010 Courses: June 1 : All Summer, Fall, Winter
2011 Courses: July 5: All Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter
2012 Courses: Aug 1: Only Spring 2012

Blackboard Collaborate Upgrade

Blackboard Collaborate (aka Collaborate Classic) web conferencing tool will be upgraded to the newest version - Collaborate Ultra - over the summer. This new version introduces a more intuitive interface making it easier for students and faculty to interact in real time, or create and view recordings.

As we phase in the new version, and for training purposes, users will see **Collaborate Ultra** within the Communication menu of the D2L nav bar beginning mid-April. Starting Summer I, the new version

should be used for all synchronous sessions and for recording new presentations. Faculty teaching in summer and fall 2017 can continue to use Collaborate Classic archives from previous courses in the same manner as before. Please refer to the training times and formats scheduled below to assist in the upgrade and transition to Ultra.

Important Information on Archives: Archives in Collaborate Classic will need to be converted to an mp4 file format before January 2018. Faculty will be contacted individually with more information regarding the transition of existing recordings.

For more information, please see **Collaborate Ultra** on the Blackboard Collaborate support page.

ULTRA On-site, On-line Workshops

DATE	ON-SITE	ONLINE
W-Apr 12	11 am	
Th-Apr 13		2 pm
Tu-Apr 18	9:30 am	
W-Apr 19		2 pm
Th-Apr 20	11 am	
Tu-Apr 25		3:30
W-Apr 26	3 pm	

Other times and days by appointment. Alternatively, consider having LTC conduct a demonstration for the entire department.

Email LTC Support to register or call the LTC at x 1848. The link for online training will be emailed with registration confirmation.

Turnitin Launches Feedback Studio and Integration Updates

Turnitin has released a major product upgrade featuring a new look when assessing papers in Turnitin as well as a version update within D2L. Both upgrades will be enabled **July 12**.

Turnitin Feedback Studio offers all the features of Turnitin Classic, but with a simplified, more intuitive look and feel when opening students' papers. To experience the new grading interface, explore **Feedback Studio** by visiting Turnitin's interactive demo site. Instructors will be able to toggle between Feedback Studio and Turnitin Classic (instructions). Students will also experience this new and improved interface.

Instructional Technology Technician

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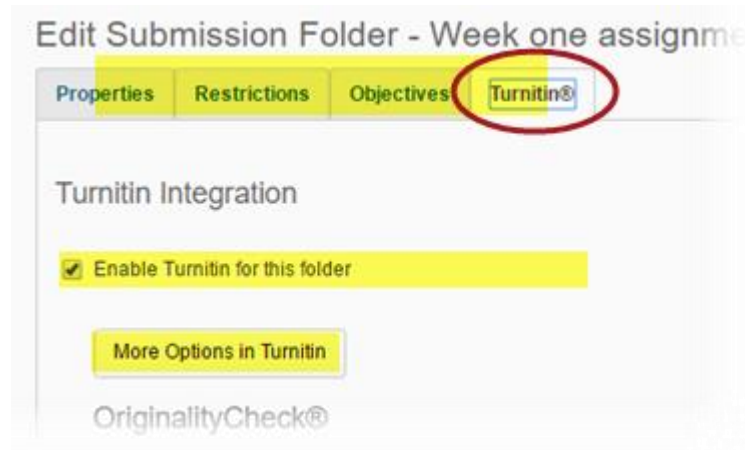*Instructional Technology Operations Coordinator*

In addition to Feedback Studio, the way instructors enable Turnitin Originality Checking in the D2L Learning Environment will differ slightly with the addition of a new Turnitin tab in the assignment setup options. More details are available on our web page under 3rd party tools.

Edit Submission Folder - Week one assignme

| Properties | Restrictions | Objectives | Turnitin® |

Turnitin Integration

☑ Enable Turnitin for this folder

More Options in Turnitin

OriginalityCheck®

D2L Discussions

D2L has changed the way instructors create and assess group discussions. A new workflow makes it easier to create restricted group topics using the option to "Create one topic with threads separated by group".

In addition, only one grade item is required making assessing group topics faster. See the new workflow documentation for screen shots and instructions. The new groups topic option will be available with the April continuous delivery updates on or about April 21.

There are no changes to workflow for students.