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**News from
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Outreach**

Moving to New Levels!

Missouri State Online is now part of the re-organized Missouri State Outreach. The office is located in the Meyer Alumni Center, 300 S. Jefferson, Suite 400.

The Outreach Division brings together and focuses the elements necessary to grow our adult student degree programs and drive a new distance education effort.

MS Online has been charged with providing additional online degree and certificates programs available entirely at a distance.

We have a new look for our move back to Outreach!

Take a look!

<http://outreach.missouristate.edu>.

Combined services, information and links on the website provide faculty and students much needed information. One place to find it all!

Missouri State Online is featuring process and procedure links on the upper right to help faculty get the answers needed for teaching, definitions, developing new courses, etc.

MS ONLINE IS NOW ACCEPTING NEW ONLINE COURSE PROPOSALS

Starting July 1, MS Online began accepting new online course proposals for classes for Fall 12 Delivery. Development will begin Spring 12 in conjunction with the Digital Professor Academy as process/criteria to receive the development stipend.

The **Digital Professor Academy** is a community of practice designed to provide support for faculty who are designing, developing, teaching, or revising online and blended courses. This faculty support program will assist faculty throughout course development by providing support on pedagogy, course design, and teaching through technology.

The program is delivered online with the exception of an orientation meeting, additional technology skill workshops faculty may wish to take, and optional face-to-face sessions offered during the semester.

To learn more about and register for the DPA go to:

<http://www.missouristate.edu/fctl/DPA.htm>.

Feature Stories!

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!



Missouri State
Outreach
continuing & distance education

Missouri State Outreach has a new leader...

Dr. Joye Norris
Associate Provost for Access and Outreach!

Dr. Norris brings strategic planning and extensive experience to MSU to create greater opportunities for all students by increasing the development of programs taught by a variety of modalities including online, iTunes and interactive video and fully utilizing all delivery formats.

Joye will also oversee the University's off-campus centers and coordinate dual credit programs.

Under the leadership of Dr. Norris, Missouri State Online's mission is to be committed to

the academic and career goals of non-traditional students by creating predictable and flexible access to a virtual learning environment and fostering life-long learning.

Our vision is that "We make it happen for students to follow their passion and find their place with Missouri State Online through our core values of: Flexibility, Service, Access, and Support."

We are excited to have Dr. Norris on board and look forward to growth and success!

Did you know?

Dr. Norris has two degrees in educational leadership from Illinois State University and began her higher education career in Minnesota at Bemidji State University where she served as coordinator of the educational leadership program.

*"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."
~ Henry Brooks Adams ~*



Faculty Profile!

Starting this fall the MS Online Newsletter will feature an online instructor who will share their experiences and opinions about online teaching and learning.

Our feature instructor for Fall 2011 is **Dr. Rose Utley, Professor of Nursing**, at Missouri State University, who began teaching online classes in 2002.

Dr. Utley states: “When I started teaching at SMSU (in 1997) I had never used Email, nor PowerPoint, let alone a course management system like Blackboard. I started gradually using more and more educational technology in my seated classes, until I was developing and teaching entire courses online. So it is doable even for those who are new to technology.”



Her online courses include both undergraduate and graduate courses in Health Assessment, Advanced Health Assessment, Nursing Science and Teaching/Learning Theory. During Dr. Utley’s online career she has witnessed an improvement in faculty development and support, as well as increased quality standards and more overall acceptance among faculty and students for online courses.

Discussions online and inclusion are other reasons cited by Dr. Utley for teaching online courses. She believes: “...online discussions allow everyone to have a turn speaking, even the shy student who might be inhibited from talking in a face-to-face class ... having online discussions also allow students time to think through and formulate their response and support their ideas with literature.

In regard to the utility of online courses, Dr. Utley stresses the flexibility of online instruction for nursing students who are fully employed with family responsibilities. Discussions online and inclusion are other reasons cited by Dr. Utley for teaching online courses.

If you would like to discuss online teaching with Dr. Utley, please contact her at (417) 836-6568 or RoseUtley@missouristate.edu.

Visit her Webpage at <http://www.missouristate.edu/nursing/12165.htm>

CLICK. LEARN. SUCCEED.



Call for Nominations

The annual **Master Online Course Recognition Award** for 2011
...is now open for nominations!

Nominations must be received by Missouri State Online by **5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2011.**

Students will also be able to view the links at various locations online.

Missouri State Online and Missouri State Outreach are proud to promote and recognize outstanding models of course design and pedagogy.

Visit <http://outreach.missouristate.edu/mocra.htm> for more information and links to the nomination forms.

There are 3 easy links available to nominate a class for recognition, whether you are a student, peer or self-nominating your own class.

Get your colleague's model course noticed!

MS Online Presents the Fall Webinar Line-Up!

Missouri State Online is holding 3 webinar sessions again this Fall semester. We have a super line-up of relevant topics for higher education today and will be offering each webinar on 2 separate showings to meet your schedules! Five out of the six sessions will be held in LIB 204 and only one of the November sessions is in GLAS 227.

Review these webinars <http://outreach.missouristate.edu/MSUonlinewebinars.htm> for more detailed information and be sure to register at *My Learning Connection* on the My Missouri State Portal under the "Profile" tab, then under "Professional Development".

Each of our sessions will be facilitated by an MSU peer(s) to get the maximum interaction.

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How to Detect and Prevent Plagiarism in the Online Classroom

Guest Experts: Gary Rader, Kathy Nordyke

#1) 28 September 2011 -- 3-4pm, LIB 204

#2) 29 September 2011 -- Noon-1pm, LIB 204

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Critical Student Services for eLearners: E-Student Affairs: Supporting Online Learners

Guest Expert: Gary Rader and others

#1) 26 October 2011 – 3-4pm, LIB 204

#2) 27 October 2011 -- Noon-1pm, LIB 204

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Apps and Web 2.0: Legal Issues in Using the Internet in Class

Guest Expert: TBA

#1) 16 November 2011 -- 3-4pm, **GLAS 227**

#2) 17 November 2011 -- Noon-1pm, LIB 204

EVALUATIONKIT!!! *Student feedback made simple*

EvaluationKIT is a fully-hosted, easy-to-use online course evaluation system, which MS Online is now using to ensure we get the best results for our course evaluations.

We ran a successful pilot in SP 11 with an average response rate of 38.86% and increased to 43.54% for SU 11. We are confident the response rates will continue to increase with this new tool.

This survey tool makes online course evaluations more easily accessible to

everyone: students, faculty, departments and colleges.

Faculty can watch response progress and then review the results via the My Missouri State portal under the Teaching and Advising tab. .

Summer results are ready for review.

Should you have any questions, please contact Gary Rader at 417-836-7619 or garyrader@missouristate.edu.

Teaching resources at your fingertips.

Subscriptions to Online Classroom and the Teaching Professor are available for you to receive via email. Click on the links below to gain access!



For sign-up instructions, go to:

<http://www.missouristate.edu/provost/DistanceEducation/subscription.htm>

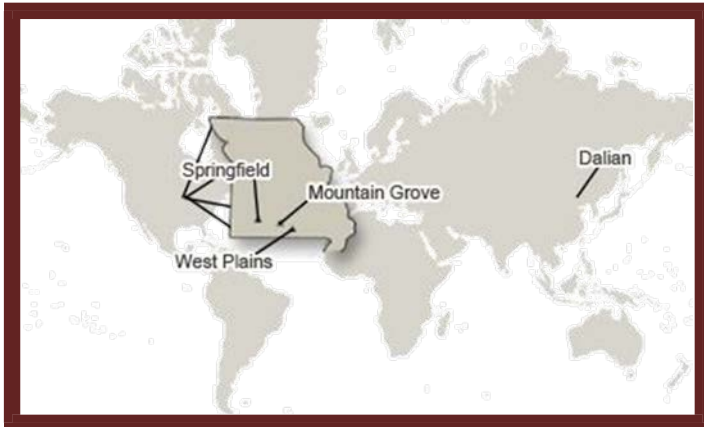
Online Test Proctoring Center Update...

The Center, exclusively for online courses, is located in the Meyer Library and has been a successful resource to classes requiring a proctored test. If you are considering using test proctoring, we encourage you to visit <http://outreach.missouristate.edu/onlinetestproctoring.htm> regarding hours of operation and requirements for faculty before they can utilize the services of the center.

All planning for proctored tests must occur through the Coordinator, Nasser Darabi, before notifying your students to contact the Center to take an exam. He can be contacted at MSOTestProctor@missouristate.edu or call at (417) 836-6665.

The Online Test Proctoring Center has limited facilities and should only be used for circumstances that make proctored exams necessary. Please contact Dr. Gary Rader, Director for Missouri State Online, if you have policy-related questions about using the Online Test Proctoring Center.

Writing Assistance for Online Students!!



If you are **enrolled at a satellite location, in an online class, or a dual-credit course**, an e-mail writing consultant is an alternative way to obtain advice regarding your manuscript (e.g., a paper for a course, a thesis chapter, an article for a journal, a letter, an application essay, creative writing). Your paper may be in any stage of the writing process.

A writing consultant will read and give you an overview of the text's strengths and weaknesses. These comments will be returned to you as soon as possible, **normally within 1 or 2 business days.**

Writing Center Consultations by E-Mail!

Missouri State University students don't just attend seated classes in Springfield...

Please **email** your paper or text to writingcenter@missouristate.edu

Attach your manuscript as a WORD or RTF document. Type "Submission" in the subject line.

PLEASE NOTE: The Writing Center will accept submissions only from a valid live.missouristate.edu account! Student accounts are now formatted as follows: (student name)[@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:live.missouristate.edu)

In that email, please include **all** of the following information:

- 1. Your first and last name.**
- 2. Your native language (if not English).**
- 3. Your Missouri State University affiliation (Name of HS, for example).**
- 4. Your academic status (e.g., dual credit high school student, freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate student, staff, faculty).**
- 6. Specific concerns and/or questions you have about your text.**
- 7. If your text is a paper for a course, please give the course number and section.**

Papers accepted August 24 to December 6, 2011
The Writing Center is closed whenever the University is closed.

For information, please e-mail MichaelFrizell@MissouriState.edu or by calling 417-836-5006