LATEST NEWS

Counting down to O Week  
18-22 February 2013

The MyLO team is gearing up to reach as many students as possible – on and off campus - to help new and continuing students become comfortable with the online learning experience.

The MyLO team will have a presence across all UTAS sites, with display stands, drop in centres, handouts and special goodies and information designed to introduce the MyLO system and supporting resources available online and via the MyLO team.

Making the move

Around 6 weeks prior to the start of Semester 1, you will be deciding how to structure your online content and activities so that students can easily find their materials. You will also be deciding which tools will best suit your teaching style and learning activities.

If you haven’t started already, start structuring your Semester 1 MyLO units now. During this stage, you will be deciding how to structure your online content and activities so that students can easily find their materials. You will also be deciding which tools will best suit your teaching style and learning activities.

The MyLO Unit Builder is a drag-and-drop application which enables you to quickly add, edit and move content around on a blank canvas using placeholders, so you can plan your unit before adding individual pieces of content later. You can add any number of supporting resources to suit your style and the topic of your unit, such as RSS feeds, Web Conferencing, MyMedia resources, Wikis, YouTube and Digital Media Feeds.

Develop the structure of your unit using the Unit Builder tool

- See some common methods of structuring unit content.
- Get an overview of the Unit Builder tool by attending a MyLO: The Essentials workshop.
- Participate in a Planning Your Online Unit workshop. Sessions may be organised for School/Centre teams, or for teaching teams. To request a session, contact the Tasmanian Institute of Learning & Teaching by email to enquiries@calt.edu.au.
- Talk to an Educational Developer about ways that you could structure your unit content and activities.

Workshops

21 Jan: MyLO: the essentials  
1:30pm – 3pm  
Newnham  
Register online

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Tip 2: Loading a file

A key skill for using MyLO is uploading a file. One of the most important files is likely to be your Unit Outline.

When your unit is created in new MyLO, there will be three links to a Unit Outline placeholder asking students to contact their lecturer for a copy. You can change this to an online copy of the unit outline by copying the steps in the Desktop Guide - Uploading Your Unit Outline.

Key Dates

1 July 2013: Old MyLO will be archived.
After 30 July 2013: Access to old MyLO limited to administration staff only.
Positive experiences

The benefits of MyLO

Lecturers are reporting many benefits to using online teaching as part of their unit offering.

How can MyLO benefit your unit? These are just some of the experiences reported to the team:

- Allowing access to supplementary resources
- Facilitating communication with and between students
- Delivering fully online units
- Supporting or delivering core content and assessment
- Increasing unit flexibility
- Supporting in-service courses
- Allowing access to online and multimedia resources
- Providing a convenient and reliable return of marks to students
- Keeping track of marks and student engagement
- Coordinating teaching with other lecturers and tutors
- Acting as a self-organiser
- Integrating with other tools (such as MyMedia and Turnitin)
- ‘Adding another dimension’ to student learning
- Expanding the market for courses

Mobile computing

Last semester did you access the new MyLO from a mobile device such as a phone or tablet? We are interested to hear about your experiences. We are especially interested in how you may have used the Assignment Grader on an iPad. Please email any feedback to MyLO.Support@utas.edu.au

Stay in touch

We will endeavour to keep you informed of changes and provide ongoing support so that you can get the most out of new MyLO.

If you have experienced any problems, or you have the need for a specific resource or an accessible version, please contact: MyLO.Support@utas.edu.au

Staff MyLO resources

Using MyLO as the online environment for learning and teaching in your unit will mean very different things to every user, depending on the mode of delivery, the learning objectives and the student cohort. Overall, the main themes representing the MyLO learning environment are:

- The Essentials;
- Communication and Content;
- Collaboration;
- Assessment; and
- Unit Management.

A range of resources including a comprehensive series of PDF help sheets is available under these themes on the Staff Using MyLO website.