GET YOUR SUMMER COURSES READY

As was the case with spring, all summer courses will be offered in Canvas. Moodle is no longer publicly available. A Canvas course shell has been created for you and we have begun importing. For previously taught Canvas courses, we will import your Canvas course, and you will need to change assignment dates. For courses with Moodle content, we will import the UCR Extension course template and your Moodle course, and you must add the instructor bio and syllabus, and change the assignment dates. For courses never taught on Moodle or Canvas, we will import the UCR Extension course template and you will have to develop the course. Please complete your Canvas course development by two weeks before the start of your course, and notify elearnhelp@ucx.ucr.edu so your course can be reviewed. As always, we’re available for support.

CONFERENCE OPTIONS: ZOOM VS. CANVAS

All UCR Extension instructors have access to the web conferencing tools, Zoom and Canvas Conferences. Both tools support recording, video, screen sharing, chat, whiteboard with annotation, polling, and breakout rooms. Here are some ways that they differ.

- Zoom’s Unique Features: 1) Multiple ways to join the meeting, 2) Mobile app available for various devices, 3) Phone Dial-in available for audio only meeting, 4) Can support up to 100 participants, 5) Works seamlessly with Canvas but does not depend on it, and 6) Flexible tools for managing users and conducting meetings.
Canvas Conferences’ Unique Features: 1) Fully integrated with Canvas and readily available in Canvas courses, 2) Meeting invitation automatically sent to students in the Canvas course, 3) Meeting recordings automatically available to view in Canvas for 14 days, 4) Documents easily uploaded and shared for presentation, and 5) Web browser based application; no need to download software or updates.

TEACHING RESOURCES

We are pleased to announce our new Instructor Resource Page. Here you will find resources on Canvas, Zoom, and Pedagogy. UCR main campus has also created the Keep Teaching Website. Please let us know if there are other resources you would like to see.

INSTRUCTOR COMMUNITY: SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Spread your knowledge! Please share your best online teaching practices with your UCR Extension colleagues. The first four people to contribute will earn a UCR enamel pin! Not sure what to share? Here are some examples: Jo Russo-Pereya is using Canvas Conferences to allow pairs of students to work together on projects. Aida Taracena is using the media submission type in Canvas Assignments to allow her students to verbally translate a passage within Canvas. All instructors are enrolled in the UCR Extension Instructors Community Course. Go to your Canvas Dashboard, and click on this course. Choose Modules, and scroll down to the Idea Sharing Discussions Module, click on a topic and reply to contribute.

KUDOS: INSTRUCTOR ROCK STARS

The following instructors were randomly drawn from the pool of instructors who completed Teaching with Canvas at UCR Extension, and will receive a UCR enamel pin: Angelina Aguilara, Christa Banton, Emma Geach, Tanveer Makhani, Gwynamie Manzanero, Charles Martin, Jesus Oliva-Barrer, Sharon Roan, Brianna Sahagun, and Nancy Watkins. Congratulations! This training is on your Canvas dashboard, and is required for all instructors.

We would also like to recognize the following instructors who had the highest Canvas page views, and whose Canvas courses had the highest page views.

Courses: Jaeyong Lee (Human Resource Management), Jacqueline James (Legal Research and Writing II), Patricia Estell (Law Office Procedures,
Systems and Technology), Robin Shea (Overview of Fiduciary Management),
Diana Jimenez (Introduction to Chemistry for Environmental and Agricultural Professionals).

**Instructors:** Arlene Yalcin, Irene Fujii, Stephen Fritzenkotter, Linda McKean,
and Erin Butler.

Congratulations! A UCR pin is coming your way!

**JUST FOR FUN**

While we all strive to use technology to the best of our ability, it sometimes gets
the best of us. Check out: A Conference Call in Real Life.