Distance Educational Resources

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Academic Outreach & Continuing Education
Distance Education
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Academic Outreach & Continuing Education
- Distance Education
- Lifelong Learning
- Youth Education
- Computers & Technology
- Professional Education
- Test Preparation
- English Language Institute (ELI)
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Distance Education

- Instructional Courses & Delivery Methods:
  - Online Courses (WebCT & OLMS, non-semester)
  - Print-based Courses (non-semester)
  - Telecourses (semester-based, viewed on TV)
  - 4Educators (K-12 teachers)
  - Real Estate Courses (continued education for Real Estate professionals)

- Distance Education & TACC
Student Interaction & Collaboration

- Help students feel that they are not alone
- “Get to know you” discussion
- Group projects (Creating a digital story)
- Podcasting & RSS feeds (http://www2.utah.edu/podcast/)

Tools
  - Multiple students can edit content
- Email, chat rooms, discussion boards
- Skype (http://www.skype.com/)
- Wimba (http://www.wimba.com/)
Internet Connection Speed

- Increasing number of DSL (or higher) internet users
- Design for your intended audience
  - Image resolution (72 dpi)
  - Video & audio (high & low bandwidth)
  - Economics Lecture Example
Copyright Issues

- More information becoming available in electronic formats.
  - Fair Use & Teach Act

- Resources
  - Distance Education
  - TACC
Conclusion

- A well designed online course is just as effective as a face-to-face course.

Issues to consider

Available resources:
- Website: del.icio.us/infofair2007
- Univ. of Utah
  - Continuing Education-Distance Ed (http://continue.utah.edu)
  - TACC (http://www.tacc.utah.edu)