Blackboard Course Site Retention
Faculty were alerted during spring 2014 that Blackboard course sites older than 18 months would be deleted from the system. This practice will continue. Faculty will be alerted before courses are deleted so that course content that is still useful can be copied to a development course or otherwise saved if desired. Visit the following site for more information: indstate.edu/oit/standards/bbcourse.php

Tracking Student Attendance at University Events
Different groups on campus are now tracking when a student attends an event, in order to gain insight into student use of services and also to gather information that can help us alert students to other events they may be interested in attending.
Once an area on campus decides to track attendance at their event, we can upload their attendance into Banner or the Data Warehouse. This data can also be used for the Student's Co-Curricular Record or by Institutional Research (IR). Reports on these University events can be shared with faculty on request by contacting IR.

Automated Degree Audit (MySAM)
MySAM is a suite of tools that will assist faculty advisors to conduct degree audits to assess and guide students on completion of degree requirements and compliance for graduation. It is designed to provide both students and advisors with an easy-to-understand, clearly-defined pathway toward degree completion. It consists of four parts: Plans (semester plans), Worksheets (official graduation requirements-degree audit), Notes, and GPA Calculator.
Extended Learning: Services for Online AND Face-to-Face Instruction

Don’t forget to take advantage of our instructional design team. This group provides assistance to all faculty, regardless of whether they teach online or classroom-based courses. Services include:

Support for Developing Instructional Materials – Instructional Design Assistants are available to work with faculty to develop instructional materials.

Best Practice Video – A video on Top 5 best practices for developing your course in Blackboard is available at screencast.com/t/RZdUkiWFCR.

Quality Matters – A faculty-lead, peer-reviewed process to create rubrics used to develop best practices for instructional design. The rubrics are focused on online course development but can be used for face-to-face development.

Professional Development Opportunities in Fall 2014, organized by Extended Learning:
  - Using Blackboard with course design - September
  - Techniques encourage student interaction - October
  - Best Practices in formative assessment - November
  - Widgets (Integrating semantic web technologies) TBA

Please contact our office whenever you need assistance with course development:
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Public Safety: Emergency Response Technologies

An emergency may be caused by an active shooter, severe weather, earthquake, fire, bomb threats, floods, medical emergency, and hazardous spills. One Tuesday every month, Indiana State University tests its emergency response technology and procedures. During a real emergency, each person must know the best way to respond, so these tests are important.

Technologies in Use – Indiana State uses a variety of technologies to maintain a safe environment and to communicate information during an emergency.

All Hazards Siren – Used when there is an incident that may affect the safety of the campus community.

Rave Alert Text Message – E-mail and text messages sent out in emergency and crime-related situations.

Classroom Emergency Telephone – Telephones installed in all classrooms allow Public Safety to broadcast emergency messages, and can also be used to make emergency calls.

Alertus – This system “takes over” the screen on computers connected to the campus network, and displays an emergency message.

Blue Light Phones – There are approximately 30 blue light stations throughout campus where emergency or informational calls, direct to the Public Safety Office, can be made.

Run, Hide, and Fight video on Public Safety Website – Please see the new public awareness video on how to respond to an active shooter or other violent situation:

indstate.edu/pubsafety/docs/Active%20Shooter/Responding%20to%20an%20Active%20Shooter.pdf

Read more at: indstate.edu/publicsafety