

# MOODLE



Connecticut College uses Moodle as its learning management system (LMS). Moodle is an open-source LMS that is developed and supported by a large, international user community in addition to a smaller group of core Moodle developers.

Moodle can be used to deliver a wide variety of different types of course materials, including text files (such as PDFs, Microsoft Word documents or ebooks), audio and video; to collect student course assignments; to conduct online discussions outside of class time; to calculate and distribute grades; to communicate with students; and to do multiple kinds of course-related activities online. Moodle is also used by a number of campus committees, administrative and academic departments, and by student groups for members to collaborate and share materials. Moodle also serves at the College's e-reserves system for its libraries.

Moodle is hosted on campus and supported jointly by staff from Instructional Technology, Technical Support, and Enterprise Systems. In addition drawing upon the external support for Moodle provided by the international community of users, Connecticut College is also a member of CLAMP (the Collaborative Liberal Arts Moodle Project), an organization of liberal arts institutions of similar size that use Moodle as their college LMS.

## *THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MOODLE:*

- Connecticut College adopted Moodle as its LMS in the fall 2008 semester, following one pilot semester and upon the recommendation of a LMS selection committee composed of faculty and Information Services staff.
- Moodle is used across every academic department on campus. In the spring 2013 semester, 82 percent of the College's courses used Moodle.
- Summer 2013 brought a campus-wide transition to Moodle 2.x, the next major release of Moodle. Response to the upgrade by faculty and students has been overwhelmingly positive, and the transition has been smooth.

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