Kaltura... (what's that?)

Kaltura is our new media tool used for uploading and managing video content, creating multimedia presentations and interacting with students. Video content can be created and managed using Kaltura within a MyGateway course.

Get Started with Kaltura

1. Log into MyGateway.
2. On the MyGateway Home page, find the module named "Kaltura" and click the link "My Media."
3. Click "Add Media" -- there are two choices: "Upload media or record from webcam" or "Record your screen"

You can upload digital files using the upload media option, whether the files are video or audio. You cannot upload data from a standard DVD. Video or audio files would have to be streamed (or in the case of audio files, ripped) in order to render them usable in Kaltura. The Faculty Resource Center will be happy to convert your DVDs/CDs/VHS tapes into digital files that can be uploaded to Kaltura.

Recording from a webcam allows you to capture yourself in an easily accessible video file.

"Record your screen" is a screen capture which can also include a video or audio component.

MyGateway and i>Clicker Workshops in January

The Faculty Resource Center is pleased to announce a series of MyGateway workshops to support teaching and learning at UMSL. These workshops are designed to introduce you to a variety of technology tools to enhance teaching and facilitate self-directed student learning. Come join FRC staff for these hands-on sessions and feel free to bring questions with you. We look forward to helping each of you succeed with technology.

For more information about session topics, times and locations or to register please visit: http://www.umsl.edu/training, enter your Single Sign On (SSO) ID, select the option to ‘Browse Course Calendar’ and select one or more of the following topics:

- **Making MyGateway Work for You**
- **Exploring MyGateway Tools**
  - Panopto and Bb Collaborate
  - Kaltura
  - Campus Pack (wikis, blogs and journals)
- **Creating Online Tests**
- **i>Clickers**

Please note workshops will be held during the second week in January. If you have questions or need assistance please contact the Faculty Resource Center at 314-516-6704 or send us an email: frc@umsl.edu.

Your students can also access Kaltura/My Media on the MyGateway home page. They will have capture and upload options.

To make the Kaltura capture/upload features available to students:

1. Go to a Content Area in MGW
2. Go to "Tools" in the Content Area and select "More Tools" at the bottom of the list
3. Select "Media Gallery" (when it appears and shows up in your course, it will be called "Course Gallery")

When students access "Course Gallery," they can make their own projects in Kaltura.

We hope you utilize Kaltura for your media creation in MyGateway!

For Kaltura support, contact the Faculty Resource Center at frc@umsl.edu or 314-516-6704. Students can receive support by contacting us as well.
Teaching online: A Survivors Guide to the KISS Theory (keep it simple smarty)

So, you’ve been tasked to teach an online class!

Theories abound these days about the best way to set up and organize online classes. And a vast array of technologies exist that can facilitate content sharing, communication, interaction and assessments.

But there are a few simple rules that you can follow to create clear intuitive course site pages, reduce confusion and frustration and help your students successfully complete their assignments.

Rule 1: keep it simple: first remove (or hide from student view) all tools, documents, folders—anything that you are not going to use in your course—this includes grade center items, too.

Rule 2: keep it clear: Make sure any and all directions you write in your course—this includes announcements, emails, assignment (everything) creates a virtual verbal path that students can follow:

Dear students: open this document, read these pages...go to this folder....post to this forum....your writing should describe a virtual ‘path’ for students to follow—this may seem a little over-explicit to you, but your students will thank you and find it reassuring—and you will get fewer emails asking for clarification.

Rule 3: keep it consistent: Exercise consistency in the use of item names, directories (folders), fonts, colors, graphics and etc. Students will look for patterns when they navigate your course site.

Rule 4: keep it together: place related student materials and activities together so that course activities and the tools needed to complete them logically flow.

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