Top 10 Enhancements in Vista (Aug 27th^t, 2007 9:30am-12:30pm)



Practice Activity #1

Customizing your My Vista page

- o Click on My Settings
 - Click on Edit Profile browse settings
 - o Click on My Tool Options
- Click on Channels
 - Select or deselect the channels you want to display in My Vista
 - o Click on Save
- Click on Layout
 - o Select Column A (or B or C)
 - Click on arrows surrounding
 Move

Practice Activity #2

Adding Course Tools to your course

- Click on "eLI's ONLINE Training Series -Building a Learning Module in Vista" course in your course list
- O Click on BUILD TAB
- On Designer Tools, click on Manage
 Course
- Click on Tools
- Select or de-select the desired tools for your course
- Click on Save
- Click on Student View to view changes

Practice Activity #3

Hiding Tools on the Course Menu

- O Click on BUILD TAB
- On Designer Tools, click on Manage
 Course
- o Click on Course Menu

- o Hide Mail + Media Library tools
- Unhide Learning Modules
- Click on Apply Settings

Practice Activity #4

Add an Announcement

- o In either BUILD or TEACH tabs, the Course Tools, click on Announcements.
- o Click Create Announcement
- o Enter a Title, ex. 'Midterm Exam'
- Enter a Message (optional)
- o Select Recipients
- Select Display Dates
- Select Also deliver as a pop-up message
- o Click on Send

Practice Activity #5

Create a Grading Form

- o Click on Teach Tab
- On the Instructor Tools, click on Grading Forms
- o Click Create Grading Form
- o Enter title 'Discussions Rubric'
- Edit entries under Objective/Criteria by clicking on the pencil icon
- Under Performance Indicators, enter points
- Click on Save

Practice Activity #6

Create a Discussion topic

 In either BUILD or TEACH tabs, the Course Tools, click on Discussions

- o Click on Create Topic
- Select Threaded Topic
- Enter a title "Should we grow trees to remove carbon in the atmosphere?"
- o Enter **Description** (optional)
- Click on dropdown menu in Select
 Category
- Create New Category, enter Unit 3 –
 Topics
- In Grading section, click on Grading
 Form
- Select `Discussions Rubric` and click
 Select
- Click on 'Release grade to Students in My Grades'
- Click on **Topic Behaviour Options** and browse through settings
- o Click Save.
- Click on Student View
- On the Course Tools, click on Discussions
- o View new **Discussions** topic
- o View Grading Form
- o Post a message

Practice Activity #7

Creating a Signup Sheet

- Click on TEACH Tab
- On the Instructor Tools, click on Group Manager
- o Click Create Groups
- Select "Create groups with sign-up sheets"
- O Click Continue
- o Enter Number of groups

- Enter "Word or phrase all group names..." ex. Field Trip to Burns Bog"
- Enter "4" in Maximum Students per group:
- In Sign-Up Sheet settings, enter Title + instructions
- Click on Place sign up sheet on: drop down menu
- Select Homepage
- O Click on Continue
- On Confirm Created Groups page, click on Save
- Click on Student View to view changes

Practice Activity #8

Building a Learning Modules

- O Click on BUILD TAB
- Click on Learning Modules on the Course Tools
- Click Create Learning Module
- Enter a title "Unit 3 The Greenhouse
 Gases"
- o Click on Save
- Click on "Unit 3 The Greenhouse Gases" learning module in the list
- o Click on Add File
- Click on Browse for Files
- Click on Class Files >> Imported
 Resources >> Course Contents >>
 Unit 3 The Green Gases
- Select all documents in the list
- o Click OK

Practice Activity #9

Adding Content Links to Your Module

- Click on Add Content Link
- o Scroll down to **Discussions**
- Scroll down and click on Unit 3 Topics
- o Click on Add Selected
- Click on Add Content Link
- Perform the same steps as above and add:
 - Assignment (Midterm Paper)
 - o WebLinks
 - o Chat Room

Practice Activity #10

Adding a Learning Module to a folder on your Homepage

- o Click on the Build Tab
- o Click on Course Content icon
- Click on Add Content Link
- Scroll down to Learning Module
- Select your **Unit 3 Greenhouse Gases** that you just created
- Click on Student View
- Click on Course Content icon
- o Browse through the new **Unit 3**

Greenhouse Gases