

# DISTANCE LEARNING E-NEWS

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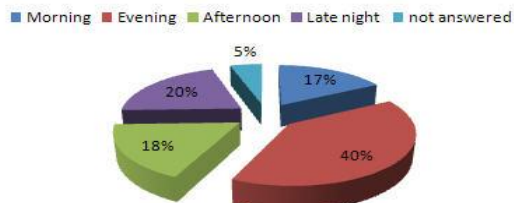
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## Distance Learning Student Survey Preliminary Findings

At the beginning of the spring 2009 semester the Distance Learning Department provided DL students' access to a distance learning online survey. This survey is used by the department to improve the effectiveness of distance learning support services. There were 1144 students that completed the survey. The following charts provide some of the preliminary findings.

When do you normally access your course(s) in Blackboard?



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## New Additions to the Distance Learning Blackboard Help Files



The Distance Learning Faculty link located on the Distance Learning homepage

<http://www.cnm.edu/depts/dl/Faculty.php> provides a variety of resources for faculty. Among the many that are listed are the Blackboard Help Files. Recently two more help files have been developed and posted to the webpage.

The first new help file is *How to Add a Custom Link*. A custom link once created in Blackboard will be located under the course tools. The ability to create a custom link allows you to provide for example an Orientation tool or any link you would like your students to have available under course tools.

The second help file that is available is *Exporting an Assessment from one Course Shell to another Shell*. This set of instructions can be used if you would like to export an assessment from one course to another without worrying about having to add the questions one by one into another course shell.

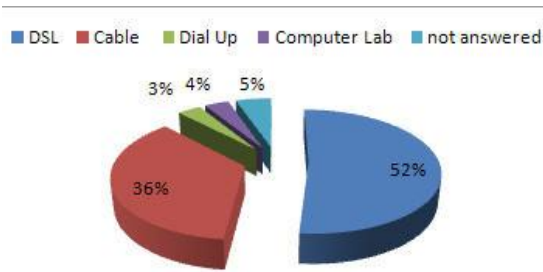
If there is a Blackboard tool that is not listed under the Blackboard Help Files link and you would like to learn how to use the tool or have any questions please email Patricia Miera at [pvigil51@cnm.edu](mailto:pvigil51@cnm.edu).

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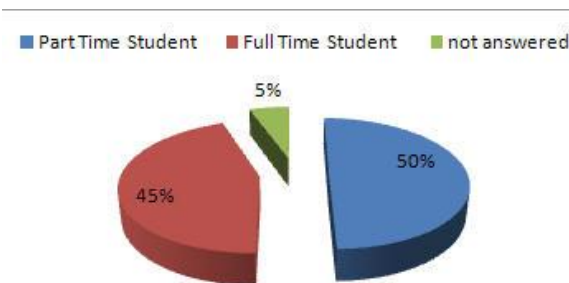
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When accessing your online courses in Blackboard what type of internet connection do you use.



I am enrolled as a: Part Time Student, Full Time Student, not answered.



I am enrolled in: A degree program at CNM, A certificate program, not answered.



The data from the remainder of the survey is currently being analyzed. If you have any questions about this survey you can contact Patricia Miera at [pvigil51@cnm.edu](mailto:pvigil51@cnm.edu) or at 224-5518.

## Distance Learning Student Resources Page Gets a New Look and New Resources!

The Student Resource page located at <http://www.cnm.edu/depts/dl/index.php> has been redesigned. The link to the page is now called “Distance Learning Students.”

### Current Students



Welcome to the Distance Learning Student Resource Page. Click on the categories below to receive information that will help you be a successful online student:

<a href="#">Thinking about Distance Learning?</a>	<a href="#">Current Distance Learning Students</a>	<a href="#">Assistance for Returning Students</a>
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### Additional Distance Learning Resources and Services Online:

<a href="#">Distance Learning Success Tips</a>	<a href="#">Students with Special Needs</a>
<a href="#">Learning Strategies</a>	<a href="#">Financial Aid/Scholarships</a>
<a href="#">Web Tools</a>	<a href="#">Community Resources</a>

Some of the resources that are available to students include resources for students who may be thinking about distance learning, current distance learning students, and also assistance for returning students. Additional websites with distance learning resources and services online are also provided (Distance learning success tips, learning strategies, and web tools) just to name a few!

Any comments about the page should be directed to Michelle Renteria at [mrenteria4@cnm.edu](mailto:mrenteria4@cnm.edu)

# Learning Styles: Fact and Folklore for eLearning

*Audio online seminar provides information on research and applying learning styles in online courses.*

An audio online seminar on Learning Styles: Fact and Folklore for eLearning will take place on **May 6, 2009** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in SB 104 (Main)**. Attendance to this seminar is free. The information provided will cover research on learning styles and applying these learning styles in an online environment.

The two presenters for this seminar are Les Howles and Dr. Allan Jeong.



*Les Howles, Howles Associates-e-Learning Multimedia and Training Development*

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Les Howles an instructional design and technology consultant holds a graduate degree in Educational Technology from the University of Oregon.

He holds BA degrees in Education and Educational Psychology. Les has worked as a consultant in a variety of settings; he is also currently the senior e-learning consultant

at the University of Wisconsin and has over 20 years of experience in instructional design and technology. To learn more about Les Howles and his work click on the following link

<http://www.howlesassociates.com/index.html>



*Dr. Allan Jeong Associate Professor of the Instructional Systems Program, Florida State University*

Dr. Allan Jeong has been working with the Instructional Systems program since 2001. He holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction, major in Educational Technology, Minor in Continuing Adult & Vocational Education with emphasis on Distance Learning. To learn more about Dr. Allan Jeong and his work, click on the following link to visit his website

<http://mailer.fsu.edu/~ajeong/>

If you would like to complete a Learning Styles survey, please click on the following link. The presenters will be sharing some of the results during the webinar on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2009.


<http://www.survey.coe.fsu.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=720M9I2>

## BLACKBOARD MAINTENANCE OUTAGES

CNM's Information Technology Services (ITS) will be conducting Blackboard Maintenance on **May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>** and also on **May 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6PM- May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.**

Blackboard will be completely offline during this time for required updates. The Blackboard Portal located at <http://elearning.cnm.edu> will be inaccessible during this maintenance outage. Please plan accordingly.

## Summer 2009 Student Drop in Lab Schedule

 <b>DISTANCE LEARNING</b>			
<b>Blackboard Student Assistance</b> Summer 2009 Drop-in Lab Schedule			
Need help with Blackboard? Drop-in <b>anytime</b> during the scheduled lab hours.			
May 18 MONDAY	May 19 TUESDAY	May 20 WEDNESDAY	May 21 THURSDAY
<b>Main Campus</b> 9:00am – 11:00 a.m. <b>MS Building</b> <b>Room 103</b>	<b>Montoya Campus</b> 10:00a.m. – Noon <b>I Building</b> <b>Room 109</b>	<b>Main Campus</b> 10:00a.m. – Noon <b>MS Building</b> <b>Room 103</b>  <b>Montoya Campus</b> 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. <b>I Building</b> <b>Room 109</b>	<b>Main Campus</b> 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. <b>MS Building</b> <b>Room 103</b>



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