Course: Enhancing Your Course with Canvas

This course is for instructors at UiB who would like to enhance their traditional classrooms with online content using UiB’s new online learning management system, Canvas.

The course will take place on 3 Thursdays and will be practically oriented, focusing chiefly on what possibilities are available for planning, choosing, and producing online technologies and resources to supplement traditional instruction. It will also look at how best to make those possibilities available to your students. The course emphasizes both the technical and pedagogical aspects of online course supplements.

We will explore and discuss the following questions:

- What kinds of things can I do in UiB’s new Canvas Learning Environment?
- How can I not only do those things, but do them effectively and well?
- How can I rethink what I do with my in-class time as a result of these online materials?
- How can I know if this new way of doing things is working better than the old way?

The course provides an opportunity to explore multiple possibilities, ranging from basic supplementary materials and activities to more robust approaches, such as blended/hybrid and flipped courses. Participants will develop their own materials, receive feedback, and share ideas and experiences with their colleagues. It is expected that participants will develop learning materials in the periods between training sessions that address either specific content or a specific learning objective in their course(s) and that participants will give each other feedback on those materials in the sessions.

Participants will need the following equipment: laptop computer with Windows or OS X, up-to-date browser, and good webcam and microphone.

Number of participants: max 20

Time: 3 days from 9.00 – 15.00: Tuesday 15 September, Tuesday 13 October, and Tuesday 17 November.

Location: VilVite, Thormøhlensgate 51, Conference Room C/D

Course Leader: Robert Gray, institutt for pedagogikk robert.gray@uib.no

Course can be included as an optional module in Development in university teaching equivalent to 5 ECTS.

Registration to: Kåre Helleve (Kare.Helleve@uib.no). Questions may be directed to the course leader.

We assume that participants will be actively involved in the course.