

Course Elements and Their Online Equivalentts

Course Elements	Cyber Equivalentts	Free Online Tools
Syllabus	Web page or wiki, downloadable document, calendar with email reminders	Geocities; PBwiki; Moodle
Lecture	Documents, slideshow with multimedia accompaniments, whiteboard, guided Web tour, podcast (RSS feed), VoIP; lecture notes posted to Website or wiki for reference, including downloadable files	Tapped In, Learning Times, Alado; Podomatic; Skype
Whole class discussion	Wiki, blog, or class bulletin board or forum with email delivery options or RSS	PBwiki, Yahoo! Groups, Moodle, Furl, Bloglines
Small group discussion	Instant messaging and live chat; group bulletin boards or topic-based forums with email delivery options or RSS; VoIP	Yahoo! Messenger, Moodle, Bloglines and Furl; Skype
Office hours	Email; text and/or voice chat with or without Webcam; VoIP	Yahoo! Groups, Tapped In, Yahoo! Messenger, Skype
Study groups	Email, private chats or forums (students-only), with or without Webcams	Moodle; Tapped In; Yahoo! Messenger
Presentation of student work	Multimedia chat with slideshow, whiteboard, and guided Web tour; podcasts; uploaded documents	Moodle, Learning Times, Alado; Podomatic; Google Docs & Spreadsheets
Peer review of work	rubric-based discussion; wiki or blog; discussion forums or chat with multimedia enhancements	Rubistar; PBwiki; Yahoo! Groups, Moodle, Learning Times, Alado
Quizzes, exams, papers	Online, interactive, timed quizzes; upload/download of documents; wiki for paper comments and responses	Survey Monkey; Google Docs & Spreadsheets; PBwiki
Attendance, roll-taking, assessment	Tracking of access and time on task, scoring functions, electronic portfolios	Moodle; Survey Monkey; PBwiki; Google Docs & Spreadsheets

Notes:

- Chats may be text-only, voice and text, or voice-text-video;
- Yahoo! Messenger has voice (PC only), and Webcam (chat in Tapped In office while Webcamming in Y!M)
- multimedia chat or conference platforms allow for multimedia presentations, e.g. based on PowerPoint slides;
- RSS = really simple syndication (changes in a site result in a new feed); Furl sends an email rather than aggregating
- VoIP = voice over Internet protocols, e.g., Skype and other telephony providers

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