

## Marlboro Courses

### Overview:

Marlboro Courses is a course management system (similar to Blackboard) developed by educators with a "learning-centric" perspective. It allows you to easily set up interactive online spaces for your courses. You will be able to upload syllabi, host discussions (forums), accept assignments electronically, send email to your students, give quizzes, and much more.

### The Benefits:

A course management system allows any time and anywhere access to course materials. This increased accessibility facilitates continued interaction and learning outside the classroom, contributing to the development of students as life-long learners. Additional benefits:

- Student can review class material, presentations, course resources and notes outside of class
- Participate in peer-review of assignments, collaborate on projects and develop course documents and glossaries the included tools
- Discussions do not need to end when class ends
- Easily create formal and informal assessments and surveys with the ability to import existing paper assessments
- Quickly communicate class information, due dates and more with your students- no need to create mailing lists and faculty can keep their email and student work separate
- Drop boxes for files and assignments allow students to turn in their work online, and allow faculty to quickly determine who has turned in assignments
- Students and faculty will be presented with a list of their current courses- no need to remember separate URLs
- Courses will be archived allowing reuse from year to year
- Prospective students can virtually visit a course
- Keeping Marlboro technologically competitive with other schools

**Details:**

Marlboro Courses can be found at <https://courses.marlboro.edu/>

Login using your existing Webmail username and password. Spring courses will automatically be created as faculty and students login to the system. Nightly updates will keep the Courses' roster in synch with the registrar's database.

**Sample Course:**

The screenshot shows the 'Courses' interface for course ATC001. At the top right, there are navigation links: Nook, Blogs, Calendar, Chat, Directory, Forums, Gallery, Webmail, About, Academics, Admissions, Community, Resources. Below this is a 'Switch role to...' dropdown and a 'Turn editing on' button. The main content area is titled 'Topic outline' and lists three topics:

- 1 Introduction to Marlboro Courses** (checkbox)
  - In this section
  - Handouts introducing the Marlboro Courses Site
  - A forum for discussing the pedagogy behind using a Course Management System (CMS)
  - A quiz - Are you ready for Marlboro Courses?
  - Discuss Marlboro Courses
  - Are you ready for Marlboro Courses? (A Quiz)
  - Marlboro Quiz Answers
- 2 Presenting with PowerPoint** (checkbox)
  - PowerPoint Handout
  - PowerPoint Resource
  - Discuss PowerPoint
  - Instructional Technology Quiz
- 3** (checkbox)

Annotations in the image include a blue arrow pointing to the 'Turn editing on' button, a blue arrow pointing to the 'Add resources/Activities' link, and a blue arrow pointing to the 'Resources/Activities' link. A blue box highlights the first topic, and a blue label 'Topic One' is placed next to it.

Each course can be divided topics – these topics can represent a unit, a period of time or some alternate organizational scheme. You can add up to 52 topics to a course. In addition to adding resources and activities to each topic you can add additional materials including your syllabus at the top of your course. To add resources/activities you click the **Turn editing on** button. This allows you to add items and modify existing items with a few clicks of the mouse.

Questions, comments or to schedule a training session email [tobiasg@marlboro.edu](mailto:tobiasg@marlboro.edu) or call x147 or 451-7147(off campus)