Technology Improvements and Services Available to Hunter College Faculty

In the last two years, ICIT has made substantial progress using technology to enhance instruction, learning and research. In order to ensure that everyone has full access to these benefits, they have developed a web site that details all of the services available to faculty. For complete details see http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/icit/edutech/.

Some Highlights

1. The Training Resource Center (TRC), located in room C104 North, is equipped to assist faculty and staff with computer technologies and applications. The TRC conducts workshops every semester on various applications and faculty can register online for any course at the TRC website http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/icit/trc/. The TRC is also available for walk-in assistance.

2. MySkillSource, a new e-training program for faculty, enables you to get software training whenever it is most convenient for you using any computer with an Internet connection. Introductory, intermediate, and advanced training are offered on all Hunter supported software, as well as other programs. To review the e-training courses offered please visit http://www.myskillsource.com/CourseCatalog/marketing/display_courses.asp?Course=311

3. Smart Classrooms (currently 224W, 424W, and 603W, additional rooms to be added in the spring) have a data/video projector mounted to the ceiling, a lectern with a computer, laptop hookup, VCR, DVD, document camera, microphone and speakers in the room, all controlled by a single easy-to-use control panel. Contact the TRC to schedule a training session.

4. Course related software and services
   • Blackboard, Hunter’s course management system (http://bb.hunter.cuny.edu/)
   • Turnitin.com, an online resource that can be used to detect plagiarism (http://library.wexler.hunter.cuny.edu/turnitin.htm)
   • Web Grading allows you to submit final grades via the Internet. Check frequently asked questions at http://webgrade.hunter.cuny.edu/webgrade/faq.jsp.
   • Creating Course Web Pages. Qualified student interns are available at the TRC to directly assist faculty in learning how to create a course web page. Faculty who are interested in working with interns need to submit a one page proposal to Michael Nisbett (mike.nisbett@hunter.cuny.edu), ICIT, Room 109N, stating their goals for the integration of Internet/WWW and related technologies into their teaching curriculum.

5. Posters. A Canon poster printer is available in the Audio Visual Center (333N). Faculty who need to create a scientific poster can meet with Greg Crosbie, Director of Instructional Services (gcrosbie@hunter.cuny.edu, 772-4945). Payments will be charged to grants or departmental accounts. Printing costs range from $20 (for 24” x 18” posters) to $75 (for 42” x 48” posters).

6. Buying Personal Computers. Hunter College has worked with Dell to provide a venue for faculty to purchase personal computers. The program: a) offers the FULL consumer catalog of Dimension and Inspiron at a discount, b) offers a 5 - 10% discounts on all Dimension and Inspiron systems with 1 - 4 year warranties, and c) offers17% discount on all Optiplex and Latitude systems. There are also discounts on Apple computers.
   • Links to the Dell and Apple programs may be found at http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/icit/edutech/icit.shtml#buying.