



TOP 10 MYTHS ABOUT ONCOURSE CL

Myth #10:
"There is no 'group awareness' or statistics for Discussion Forums"

Reality: The revised Forums tool for the fall semester has the ability to restrict individual forums or topics to specific groups; there will also be user statistics on the numbers of authored and read messages.

Myth #9:
"I have to log in to each of my courses to see if I have messages."

Reality: When you first log in to Oncourse CL, you are presented with a listing of all your courses, along with notification of unread messages (and forum postings) for each individual course.

Myth #8:
"Students can't put their assignments in a drop box"

Reality: As with other course management systems, Oncourse CL addresses drop box functionality for handing in assignments through the use of its multi-faceted Assignments tool.

Myth #7:
"You can't upload your grades to CL"

Reality: By the fall semester, the Oncourse CL gradebook will be a full-featured gradebook tool, offering instructors the ability to import and export grades, as well as a wide variety of other functionality only previously available in Original Oncourse.

Myth #6:
"Test and Surveys don't work in CL"

Reality: Oncourse CL fully incorporates and supports the original Oncourse Test and Survey tool for the coming academic year.

Myth #5:
"Forget group work -- CL doesn't have group space"

Reality: Oncourse CL has rich functional support for working with groups in several tools, including the ability to create group space in the Resources tool for the sharing of files.

Myth #4:
"You can't see your students' pictures"

Reality: Official student ID photos are readily visible and printable for instructors in the Oncourse CL Roster tool.

Myth #3:
"All document formatting is lost when a syllabus is copied to CL."

Reality: Oncourse CL has a powerful WYSIWYG (what-you-see-is-what-you-get) text editor that allows you to copy and paste from Microsoft Word files and retain most of the original Word document's formatting.

Myth #2:
"There is no course mail in CL"

Reality: Oncourse CL has a full-featured Messages tool that allows you to send and receive messages within your course site.

And the #1 Oncourse CL Myth:

Myth #1:
"You can't do in CL what you can do in Original Oncourse"

Reality: Oncourse CL provides more functionality than original Oncourse. Better yet, that functionality is a result of direct input from faculty across Indiana University. And if you need help, the campus teaching and learning centers, along with a wide range of online resources, are available to assist you.

See <http://oncourse.iu.edu/info>
for all your Oncourse CL questions!