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- UMOline
- Summer Semester
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- Off-campus programs
- Community Engagement
- Instructional design and development

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Moodle Changes the Face of Online Learning at UM

With Summer Semester well underway, UM students and faculty are discovering an improved online learning environment. Moodle has arrived. The new learning management system was piloted by the College of Visual and Performing Arts, the School of Business Administration and the Law School in Spring Semester 2011, and is now available on both UM-M and UM-COT campuses for all online courses and face-to-face courses with an online supplement.

Overall, students in the pilot group reported a positive first impression of Moodle. 64% said that they were pleased with the change and 67% said that the transition to Moodle was easy.

Instructors feel that Moodle offers more options for creating a rich learning experience for their students. Features such as the customizable main page, electronic portfolio and the glossary facilitate learning. The ability to organize it all in a clear and logical way makes online coursework a more satisfying experience for students.

As feedback obtained from students and faculty is used to customize the learning

management system, Moodle will become even more user-friendly over time. The UMOline team continues to support faculty and students in making Moodle an effective means to deliver 21st century education.

We feel that we have a solution that will meet the needs of faculty and students in the long-term. It's an important step forward.

--Robert Squires, Interim Director, UMOline Instructional Design and Technical Support



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