Use Your Upgraded Course Site - What You Need to Know

We are excited to introduce an upgrade to our course delivery system. Aside from some minor changes to navigation, your experience within courses will not change much.

So, what does this mean? Most importantly, it means that the university now has the most recent version of the course delivery system, thereby offering a better overall experience for you. Also, your professors will now be able to explore and integrate many more tools that will provide a more engaging, dynamic, learning environment.

Other changes you'll notice include:

- Better icons
- Cleaner navigation
- Better file management (uploads, etc.)

For students taking a class in February, your classroom location has changed. If you are trying to access your February 18 course, please go through a brief synchronization process on the student site. After completing the synchronization process, you can access your course via the “Go to Classroom” link in the My Courses section of the student website home page.

We hope you will be as excited about these changes as we are! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your student success advisor.
Student Services Spotlight: Natalie Nixon

Meet Natalie, our Vice President of Admissions. Despite the fact that Natalie attended 16 schools herself before high school graduation, she has worked here for 23 years. When Natalie was hired in 1990, she was the International Program Director and helped set up international centers from Ireland to Hong Kong to Bulgaria. She moved through the ranks in the admissions department, changed gears back to the development side of things where she was the Director of Military and International Programs, and finally came back to admissions as the Vice President in 2007.

When asked about her favorite part of her position, Natalie explained how much she enjoys working with the advisors and watching them develop into the best advisors they can be. She feels lucky to be the leader of such an exemplary group of people and speaks highly of her team. Natalie is in a unique position to have watched the school grow, as she was a part of it, and she appreciates that she has been allowed to make contributions that extend beyond the admissions department.

Anyone close to Natalie will tell you that her time outside of work is spent at her horse farm in Alabama with her husband and their two horses, Merlin and Red. Natalie has loved and owned horses since the age of four and even met her husband at a barn! Natalie’s cow, Noelle, is also a fond topic of conversation around the office, and not only does Natalie care for animals, but she can do several comical farm animal impressions. While caring for the horses takes quite a bit of time, Natalie also loves to travel and jokes that she and her husband spend time planning their trips around food and eating.

February Webinars

Financial Tips: Learn to Economize as a Student
In today’s economy, finding ways to cut costs and save money is paramount. Do you know how to create an effective budget and track expenses? Do you want to learn some cost-saving tips to help you live for less? What about paying for school – are you well versed in our scholarship and interest-free payment plans? If you found yourself intrigued by the answers to these questions, then this webinar may be for you!

When: Weds., Feb. 13, 2013, 6 p.m. MST

Frequently Asked Questions Addressed by Financial Aid
Get the answers to some of your burning financial aid questions, such as what financial aid covers, when and how repayment happens, what is a FAFSA, and more. If you are thinking about or are currently using financial aid, you won’t want to miss this informative webinar!

When: Weds., Feb. 27, 2013, 6 p.m. MST

Note: You will receive an invitation for each webinar, the week of the live event. If you are interested in either one, be sure to pencil them onto your calendar so that you are sure to attend after the invitation is received.
**Technology News**

Are you in control of your IT career?

Not only does technology change, but so do personnel, companies, and traditional roles and positions. Are you employing the strategy and tactics necessary to adequately advance your own interests? Click here to find out.

**Health Care News**

A Professor Lives to Tell: On her Deathbed, She Proclaims a Desire for More Nursing Education

The new year has barely broken in, and already American Sentinel assistant adjunct nursing professor Ami Bhatt, DNP, MBA, MSN, BSN, is celebrating three stellar achievements. While success is no stranger to this esteemed professor, it was a seemingly routine incident in 2011 that changed her life profoundly. Read her story.

**Business News**

What’s the real business impact of the fiscal cliff?

Who can forget the countless debates about the fiscal cliff? Representatives from each side of the issue spoke passionately about the issues, and ultimately the President and Congress reached common ground. So what does all of this mean for businesses? What is the real business impact of the fiscal cliff? Click here to find out.

**Military News**

How is GIS helping U.S. National Security grow?

Geographic information systems is transforming the way many organizations are doing business, and our very own national security is no different. What types of systems does GIS help governments perform? Click here to find out.

**Career Corner**

Do you have an elevator speech ready?

You’re on an elevator and someone asks you – what do you do? You have just a few minutes
the length of the elevator ride – to sell yourself or at least pique their interest. Do you know what to say in this situation? Click here for tips for putting together a great elevator speech.

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