

The Learning Zone

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The Learning Zone at HCT Dubai provides students with mobile learning that is engaging and tailored to specific learning requirements. This is achieved through working with faculty across all departments to produce e-learning objects. Projects include the following:

- In-house e-texts for Foundation and Year 1 Gen Ed students
- Comprehensive Foundation Vocabulary Program that incorporates mobile learning and spaced repetition.
- Blended learning material to increase student success and retention rates (College 101).

Reading Skills



Writing Skills



Grammar



IELTS



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Executive Summary



This year we have built upon last year's College 101 model. We have produced workshops for students that contain three elements. A flipped element with an online introduction usually in video form (this is also suitable for later reference material), a face to face workshop modeled to suit the needs of the particular course and a final element of follow up where the workshop facilitators make classroom visits to offer refreshers and to see how information delivered in the workshops has been incorporated into students' daily study lives.

A major event for the Knowledge Centre and Learning Zone was the organization and the hosting of the HCT-Dubai Mobile Learning Conference (<http://ctldubai.com/lbd/>). This event saw 5 important keynote speakers deliver interesting and valuable presentations on theirs of expertise with the Mobile Learning framework. The afternoon sessions comprised over 40 workshops allowing participants to showcase and explore all aspects of mobile learning.

This conference directly led to the establishment of the Emirates Mobile Learning Association (<https://emla-dmc.squarespace.com/info>), which is devoted to promoting and expanding the good practices in mobile learning.

Other innovative initiatives include a QR Tour for visitors to the college and a mobile room booking system (<https://vimeo.com/97900465>) for students to reserve seminar rooms for quiet study and peer tutoring.

Campus student numbers AY 2013/14 4,800

Official name of your ILC facility Learning Zone

Staffing Structure

Andy Steele - Learning Centre Coordinator

Nick Fallows - Learning Centre Coordinator

Facilities & Services

This has also been a big year for the Dubai Colleges Knowledge Centre. The Learning Zones, EdTech departments and Library facilities have all been merged under one supervisor. This has enabled us to add library workshops to the 101 system and therefore increase our range of offerings. These workshops are currently under development along with a new booking system to register for workshops which will hopefully allow greater flexibility and efficient for faculty members when planning and arranging their workshops.

Resources

Here again we are concentrating on blended learning with resources housed on the LZ site

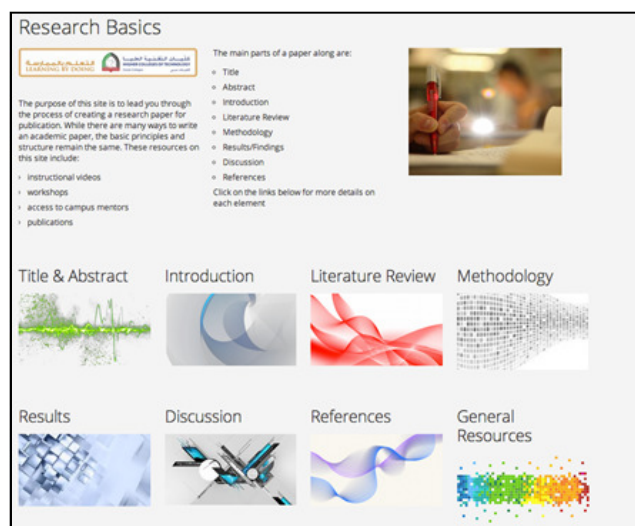
Learning Technologies

We use BBLearn extensively and the Ed Tech team are currently training all faculty in the use of this LMS. We use Mobile Learn for the iPads. As mentioned before, we are also using NearPod and Articulate Storyline as teaching tools for iPads.

Student Support

Completed nearly 100 workshops for students & faculty on various topics.

Curriculum Support & Collaboration



We produced the LSC 1103 Academic Reading & Writing ibook that is now being rebuilt for all platforms. This is now the primary resource for this course system-wide. We are also developing a Research Basics self-help site and mentoring initiative to help faculty carry out research and publish to academic journals.

Promotion & Advocacy

As mentioned above - the GSM and department meetings



Goals for Next Year

Continued development of online material and staff training so that each department can better create learning objects for blended online courses.