

Cascade

TRANSFORMING CURRICULUM DELIVERY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY



The Cascade project aims to use technology to enable the Department for Continuing Education to respond better to the challenges created by the government's ELQ policy by:

- Undertaking its activities more efficiently
- Developing new, or repurposing existing, activities
- Improving levels of service for students and staff

CHALLENGES

- Wide variety of courses
 - Range of academic levels
 - Many different subject areas
 - Courses of different lengths and formats
 - Face-to-face, online and blended learning
- Diverse student body
 - Ages 18-80+
 - Motivation for study ranges from professional development to intellectual enrichment
 - Distributed globally

FIVE FOCUS AREAS

- Online assignment handling
- VLE support for courses
- Generic content
- Course design
- Online payment and enrolment

EXPECTED PROJECT OUTPUTS

A robust online assignment handling system, contained within the Moodle environment, which will extend the standard functionality to incorporate Departmental processes.

A set of templates, for use in Moodle, containing a core set of material covering a range of course formats and subject areas, to provide easy-to-implement VLE support for many of the courses offered by the Department.

A course proposal procedure that supports course teams to consider the use of technology in the delivery of new and updated courses.

An integrated system for online payment and enrolment.

A range of Departmental resources to support these activities and a series of case studies to share the Department's experiences with the wider HE community.

PROJECT TEAM

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With administrative support and technical development provided by the TALL team and a wide range of contributions from academic and support staff from across the Department.

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