Free Technology Courses for Students

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Many of our students lack the technical skills needed to efficiently communicate in the 21st century. Because all successes in life are rooted in quality communication, this inadequacy can cast a dark shadow on what might otherwise be a bright future for IPFW students. Moreover, the speed at which new technologies are introduced and people are forced to change has only complicated matters. Left unaddressed, the dilemma will grow.

IT Services and the Department of Communication have been working together to address and eliminate this problem by offering free technology short courses to IPFW students via the JumpStart program. These hands-on courses in E-mail, Netscape, and PowerPoint are held in a computer lab, include a detailed guide for students to keep for reference, and provide the “spark” students need to “get started” using technologies relevant to 21st century communication.

Dr. Steve Carr, Assistant Professor of Communication and JumpStart Advisor, adds, “JumpStart helps level the playing field for students and technology. Teachers don’t need to spend valuable class time giving instructions on how to use e-mail, PowerPoint or the Web. Instead, JumpStart offers a variety of classes at a variety of times throughout the week - and each class lasts less than an hour and a half. Every experienced JumpStart instructor also teaches a section of COM 114, our public speaking course, so the instruction is at a very high level of quality that meets the needs of a novice user.” Please join IT Services and the Communication Department in this worthy endeavor by encouraging, or even requiring, your students to participate in the JumpStart program.

SPSS for Home Use

SPSS, a complex statistical analysis program, is now available for faculty, staff, and student home use. CDROM copies of the software are on sale at Follett’s Bookstore for $5.

The specifics of the license include:
1. Currently, only SPSS for Windows is available.
2. The license includes:
   SPSS Base
   Advanced Models
   Regression Models
   Tables
3. The software expires annually. These CD’s expire October 2000. If users wish to continue using the software after October 2000, they will have to buy a new CD. A license agreement form will need to be signed by each user at the time of purchase.

If you have any questions about this, please contact either the Help Desk (481-6030) or William Baden (481-6202).

General information about the SPSS CD can be found at this URL: http://www.indiana.edu/~statmath/stat/spss/ela/index.html
Personal Gateway Discounts

IPFW faculty and staff wanting to purchase a Gateway computer for their homes may do so through the Purdue Gateway Web Site saving approximately 3% on available configurations. To take advantage of this discount the purchase must be made on-line from a campus workstation. You must use a credit card, and the delivery must be to your home. Purdue's Gateway Web Site is located at:

http://www.gw2k.com/stealth/sales/purdue/purdue.htm

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Linda Patten in Purchasing (481-6214).

Operating Systems Windows 95/98

Part 1 - Tuesday - Feb. 8th
1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.
Part 2 - Thursday - Feb. 10th
1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.
Part 1 - Wednesday - Feb. 9th
1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.
Part 2 - Friday - Feb. 11th
1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

Lotus Applications

taught by Pam Zepp

cc:Mail 6 - Overview
Thursday - Feb. 3rd
9:00 A.M - 11:00 A.M.

cc:Mail 8 - Overview
Thursday - Feb. 3rd
1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

Archiving & Mailbox Management
Tuesday - Feb. 15th
9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.

World Wide Web and HTML

Text-based Web pages for beginners
taught by Pam Zepp

Part 1 - Friday - Feb. 18th
1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.
Part 2 - Friday - Feb. 25th
1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

MS Word The Basics

MS Word Beyond The Basics

PowerPoint

Excel the Basics - Level 1

MS Office 97

MS Word The Basics

taught by Scott Vitz

Wednesday - Feb. 9th
8:00 A.M - 10:15 A.M.
Thursday - Feb. 10th
8:00 A.M - 10:15 A.M.
Monday - Feb. 21st
8:00 A.M - 10:15 A.M.
Wednesday - Feb. 22nd
8:00 A.M - 10:15 A.M.

Part 1 - Tuesday - Feb. 15th
1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M.
Part 2 - Tuesday - Feb. 22nd
1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Part 1 - Wednesday - Feb. 16th
11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M
Part 2 - Wednesday - Feb. 23rd
11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M
Part 1 - Thursday - Feb. 17th
1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M
Part 2 - Thursday - Feb. 24th
1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M

Part 1 - Tuesday - Feb. 15th
1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M
Part 2 - Tuesday - Feb. 22nd
1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M

IPFW’s “information technology highway” (the campus network backbone) seems largely invisible to people. Larry Temenoff of IT Services oversees the network wiring projects across campus. In the most recent project, over 36 miles of data cable were installed in Kettler Hall. This project, which was part of the renovation of the North & first floor East wings, brings these areas up to current technology standards. The new wiring maximizes the benefit of connecting to IPFW’s multi-path gigabit backbone. The metaphor of a “highway” is very appropriate to this multi-year project -- just as one area is completed -- other areas are in need of upgrade. Additional portions of the project will be scheduled as funds become available.

The IT Services Training Lab in Kettler 205-B has been renovated over semester break and can accommodate thirteen participants. Those who attended classes in January enjoyed the new layout and found the extra personal space an enhancement to learning. The User Support Team (Bill Baden, Jan Nichols, Scott Vitz and Pam Zepp) is now located in Kettler 205-A. Mary Schoeler, Manager of User Support, is located in KT 204-S.