

Using Modular Design

Modular design is based on the creation of “units” which focus on a central, related core of concepts or topics. The modular design also incorporates all of the resources necessary for students to successfully achieve its associated learning objectives. This includes:

1. The module learning objectives
2. All content (text-based, audio, video, etc.)
3. All assessments
4. All assignments
5. All discussions, blogs, wikis, etc.
6. Any special instructions for projects and assignment
7. Any module supporting materials

Students should not be forced to leave a learning module to complete any specific segment of the course.

Consistency between courses is essential. All module related materials should be located in the module, named appropriately, in a meaningful sequence. This will reduce student confusion, keep the course design consistent with other MSU courses, and simplify course navigation.