Building an Online Language Program 101

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On Friday, October 31, 2014, the Center for Language Excellence (CLE) presented its third workshop entitled “Building an Online Language Program 101“. The workshop had 27 attendees including six CLE/NALRC/CeLT staff and language instructors from nine different departments, servicing 13 different languages (Azerbaijani, Dutch, Estonian, French, German, Greek, Italian, Mongolian, Norwegian, Persian, Russian, Uyghur, and Yoruba). The presentation was led by Esther Ham, Online Language Education Director of the Center for Language Excellence.

This workshop was the third of a series of workshops being offered by CLE.

Workshop participants were introduced to building your own online language course and led to find out if the only option is to teach a language in a regular classroom setting. The discussion continued with the official codes for online courses, according to the coding in IU’s student information system (SIS), and in accordance with United States Department of Education (DE) Title IV regulations and Higher Learning Commission (HLC) definitions. Building any online course requires the knowledge of this coding. Then, by using backward course design, the first steps on how to build an online language course were outlined and discussed. Participants looked at which course would fit them best technically and used basic building blocks to design their first online language course. Questions were discussed about the many facets of teaching online, including how things have to be taken care of when it comes to registration or working together with other Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) universities.

The post-workshop survey evaluation showed that overall the participants “Strongly Agreed” that they were satisfied with the workshop, and most learned new skills that will help in the classroom from their participation.

Below are what some of the participants had to say about the workshop:

“Thank you very much for the workshop!”
“I did not know there were so many things that can be online for language teaching/learning.”