

Yes, I am on
Facebook . . .
but it is for class!

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Why Facebook?

- * Millennial learners
 - * Tech savvy and team-oriented
 - * Used to instant communication, impatient
 - * Read less, lack critical thinking skills
- * Social Media
 - * Information goes quickly to large numbers of students
 - * Allows students to answer each other's questions

How to Set up a Group

* Left column, click “Create Group . . .”

Create New Group

Group Name:

Members:

Privacy:

Open
Anyone can see the group, who's in it, and what members post.

Closed
Anyone can see the group and who's in it. Only members see posts.

Secret
Only members see the group, who's in it, and what members post.

[Learn more about groups privacy](#)


Create **Cancel**



Privacy Settings

What are the privacy options for groups?

When you create a group, you can choose who can see the group and the things people post there, including comments, photos and files uploaded to the group. The three privacy options you have are:

-  **Open:** Anyone on Facebook can see and join the group. Open groups will appear in search results and all content that members post (ex: photos, videos and files) is visible to anyone viewing the group. Friends can see that you've joined an open group in their news feed.
-  **Closed:** Anyone on Facebook can see the group name, its members and people invited to join the group, but only members can see posts in the group. To join a closed group, a friend needs to add you, or you can ask to join. Your friends can see that you've been invited or added to a closed group in their news feed.
-  **Secret:** These groups cannot be found in searches, and non-members can't see anything about the group, including its name and member list. The name of the group will not display on the timelines of members. To join a secret group, you need to be added by a member of the group.

Setting up the Group

- * Choose an icon (or skip)
- * Set notifications
- * Send your class the group information
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/296907460360790/>
- * Approve students who ask to join the group

How Does It Work?

- * Post notices and information
- * Check periodically and answer student questions (you can set Facebook to notify you when someone posts)

Students Answer Questions



Ciara Reece Scott

Where are our returned outlines posted? Is it just to the person or to the entire group? I can't find my groups, and I've looked under every tab in e-learning.

Like · Comment · Follow Post · 13 hours ago



Malina Roux likes this.



Devin Zemanek I found my groups under the assignments tab and then under graded.

13 hours ago · Like



Jessy Zehentner Yeah, that's where it is. There should be two documents that you can download. One will be the commented outline.

12 hours ago · Like



Ciara Reece Scott Thanks! I didn't even see that there were tabs in that section

12 hours ago · Like



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Students Explain Technology



Kiara Cooper

I am attempting to take an online course on the Avatar Online: Learning Platform and when I click "Launch" nothing is happening! Does anyone know why this is not working?

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Jessy Zehentner You should check your popup blocke

April 19 at 8:09pm · [Like](#)



Kiara Cooper ohh, thank you so much! :)

April 19 at 8:12pm · [Like](#)



Jessy Zehentner Sure, did that work?

April 19 at 8:12pm · [Like](#)



Kiara Cooper yeah it did! haha i've been sitting here for like an hour trying to figure it out. i didn't even know i had a popup blocker...

April 19 at 8:14pm · [Like](#)



Jessy Zehentner Haha! Well I'm glad I could help.

April 19 at 8:14pm · [Like](#) · [👍 1](#)

Write a comment...



Becca Reed

Any Professional Development Opportunities this week anyone?

Like · Comment · Follow Post · April 16 at 11:19am



Mary Kate Huff journey into dyslexia is next tuesday 5:30-7 and there's always those online classes

April 16 at 11:53am · Like · 1

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Kelsey Dusing

How do we record our online PD on the log?

Like · Comment · Follow Post · April 3 at 9:47pm near College Station



Jessy Zehentner You write it on the log and print out the certificate of completion

April 3 at 11:14pm · Like



Rebecca Becky Waldron Dang what if you didnt write it on the log and already submitted all hours and everything on elearning

April 4 at 8:59pm · Like

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More Technical Assistance



Karla Guzman

How did you guys get the video for Eyes of Me to work?
I've clicked on the link and I've tried searching for it directly from media matrix but it won't load.

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Mallory Haas I just clicked on the title on the web links on elearning and it worked. I don't know what web browser you are using but I used google chrome.

April 3 at 10:21pm via mobile · Like



Amanda Zubiate If you go to mediamatrix.tamu.edu and use the search box at the very top then scroll to the bottom and it will give you a list of 4 things and the eyes of me has 2 choices either of those two will work I just searched it to make sure. hope this helps :) btw the videos that I used are not in the course listing on media matrix.

April 3 at 10:25pm · Like · 1



Karla Guzman Thank you both! I will try it again (:

April 3 at 10:27pm · Like · 1

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Jessy Zehentner

I just completed 'Autism for the General Education Teacher' online for PD hours. I just wanted to let anyone know that it was great. It counted for 6 hours, but it didn't take me six hours to complete it. You go at your own pace and can log in and out as much as you want until you finish it. In all, it probably took me 2-3 hours, but I did it in chunks. It wasn't hard and I learned a lot!

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11 people like this.



Valerie Munz where did you find it? :) Thanks!

March 26 at 7:52pm · Like



Jessy Zehentner On elearning, there's a folder for PD. Inside that folder, it's under online PD.

March 26 at 8:32pm · Like



Katy Knox It's on the "Online Professional Development" word document list that she posted on e-learning. It's offered online from Region XIII Education Center. Just click, "Register for a workshop," create an account and search for the workshop using the "code" that she gave us in the word document from e-learning. I finished it today as well!

March 26 at 8:32pm · Like



Kelsey Dusing How did you find the website? I tried clicking on it and copying and pasting it into the browser and it will not pop up.

April 3 at 1:46pm · Like



Jessy Zehentner It's on elearning in the PD folder. I think he link may have been copied twice on the word document..so look at that and delete the second link.

April 3 at 2:22pm · Like



Kelsey Dusing Do you set up a new username or is there one we can use?

April 3 at 8:14pm · Like



Jessy Zehentner You have to set up a new one.

April 3 at 8:15pm · Like

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Last Minute Information



Amanda Word



Tonight at 8pm in Rudder rm 302 is a TSTA meeting that counts for PD

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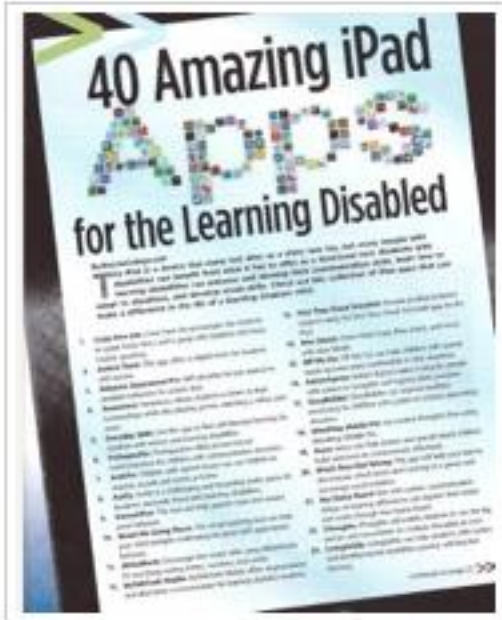
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Sharing Information



Bethany Coppage

This is an article that I was given and I thought it might be interesting and helpful to some! — at HECC.



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Helping Study for Exam



Marie Flynn

Here are some things from the book that I typed up to study for the test. I don't promise it's 100% correct or that this stuff will even be on the test, but I hope this helps someone! (:



Test Review

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Scribd is the world's largest social reading and publishing site.



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16 people like this.



Tara Upshaw Thank you so much Marie!!

March 9 at 6:34am · Like



Allison Gilbert this is great! thanks!

March 9 at 9:48am · Like



Kevin Vanlanham Marie Flynn is amazing!

March 9 at 10:12am · Like



Cassandra Marie Torres thank you so much it really helped alot!!!!!!

March 14 at 5:52pm · Like

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Getting to Lab



Lindsey Mondon

This is where Hort 119x is

http://oal.tamu.edu/Printing/Print_Charges/Campus%20Printers.php



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MaryAnn McGrath Do you know where the Norman E Borlaug Center on West Campus is? Or the Benz gallery? It's that same building. I don't know why they call it HORT when it's labeled HFSB.

March 2 at 11:25am via mobile · Like · 2



MaryAnn McGrath Just some extra info.

March 2 at 11:33am via mobile · Like



Lindsey Mondon Thanks! I'll look for that. There was a lot of confusion in my lab about where it was :)

March 2 at 11:42am via mobile · Like

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MaryAnn McGrath

If you do not know where the HORT building is for the midterm. The buildings map abbreviation is HFSB for Horticulture/Forestry Science Building. It is on West Campus.

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2 people like this.

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Parking Question



Alexa E. Brown

Everyone with their midterm in the HFSB building...how are you getting in and out? Any ideas about the parking situation around there?

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Katy Knox You can park in lot 100 (next to Reed Arena) as long as you have a parking pass for another lot.

March 8 at 11:28am · [Like](#)



Carly Marie Speir There are some pay to park spaces in the parking lot around there... sometimes they are all full though so biking or walking may be your safest bet

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Alexa E. Brown Thank you both!

March 8 at 4:31pm · [Like](#)



Stephanie Fiona take the bus to west campus

March 8 at 4:33pm · [Like](#)



Alexa E. Brown That's what a lot of people have suggested, but I've never had a class in west campus before this one and I don't know any of the bus routes. So I'm going to hop up early and try my luck at a parking spot in lot 100

March 8 at 4:34pm · [Like](#)



Stephanie Fiona take 07 wehner express which picks up and drops off at both fish pond and MSC

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Monitoring the Group

- * Check regularly to answer questions
- * “Like” good responses from other students
- * Make sure there is nothing inappropriate posted
- * Get feedback about what is going on in class
- * At end of semester go through and delete time-sensitive topics

Concerns

- * Must have a Facebook account
- * One more thing to do related to class

Benefits

- * Eliminates email overflow for minor questions/concerns
- * Encourages and builds collaboration among students
- * Increases involvement of students
- * Increases student responsibility/ownership for class work

Questions?