

Getting Started with Moodle

This course is delivered via moodle courseware. Moodle is free and similar to WebCampus but has been selected as a model of tools that you might use in the future. If you've taken online courses in the past, you will find this one only slightly different. This guide will provide you with directions on getting started with Moodle. Please review and complete all of the activities by following the procedures carefully.

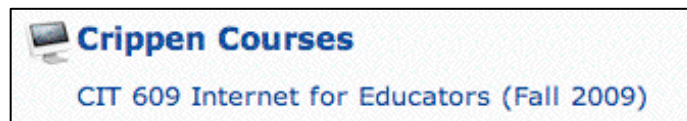
Activity One – Logging onto *Dr. Crippen's Moodle Server*

The materials for your course are delivered via an online courseware system called Moodle. Moodle is similar to WebCT, Blackboard, and WebCampus. If you've participated in online courses in the past, you will find working with the online tools for this course only slightly different.

1. Using your web browser, go to the following URL:

<http://crippen.nevada.edu/moodle/>

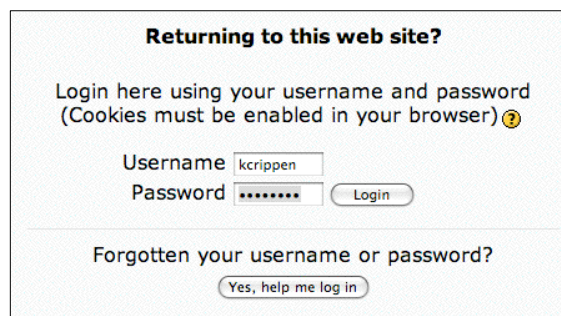
2. Select the course **CIT 609 Internet for Educators (Fall 2009)** under **Crippen Courses**.



3. Your first time visiting this site, you will need to create a username and Password. This is a *two-step process* that requires verification of your email address.

Step One: Choose a username and password, then complete your profile.

You may choose both, but we suggest using a combination of your first initial and your last name for your username (Example: sjohnson). Select a Password you can remember and click on **Login**. If you've taken other courses using this Moodle, then you should continue to use the same login/password (please don't create a new one).

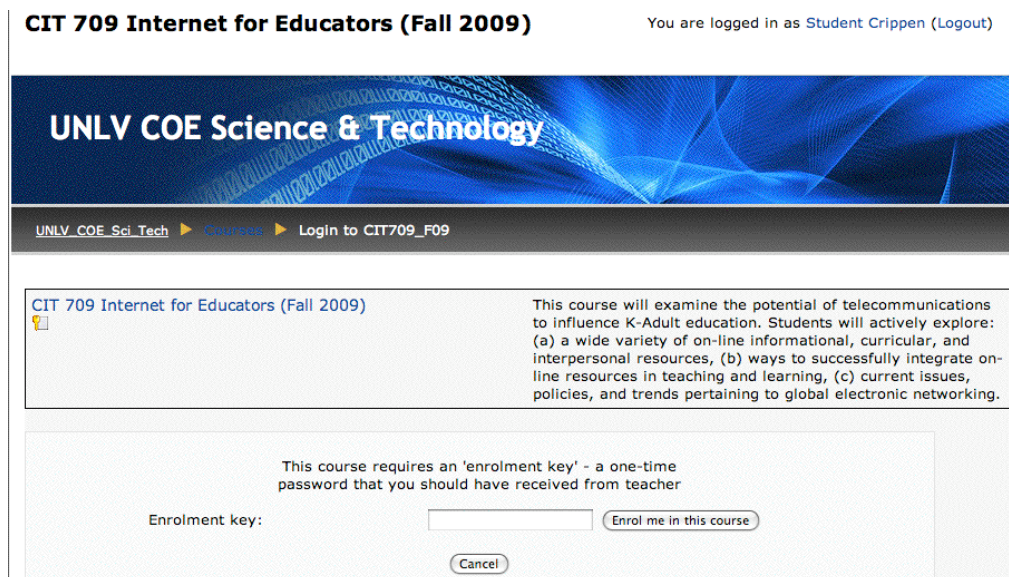


4. Complete the Profile information, including first name, last name (surname), a **valid** email address that you check frequently (this will be important for receiving course updates, discussion postings, etc.).

5. Under **New Picture**: click on the **Browse** button to upload a picture of yourself. Moodle will automatically crop it for you. If you don't have a picture of yourself already, you will need to have a friend or family member take one for you. Moodle says a picture is optional, for our purposes, it is required for this course. The rest of the items are, in fact, optional for you to enter.
6. When you have completed the information, click on **Update Profile**.

Step Two: Verifying your email address.

7. You must now check your email for a message from the Moodle Server asking you to confirm your email. To do so, click the provided link in the email message body.
8. Follow the links provided in your Web browser to log into the Moodle server with your new account.
7. From the main course page, select the course **CIT 609 Internet for Educators (Fall 2009)** under **Crippen Courses**.
8. Moodle will prompt you for an **Enrolment key**, which is a one-time password to gain access to the course. **The enrolment key is IFE.**



9. Please bookmark the Moodle website for easy return: (<http://crippen.nevada.edu/moodle/>) Logging in is all that's required to access materials in future visits to the site.

Activity Two – Getting familiar with the online tools

Once you have enrolled in the course, take some time to familiarize yourself with Moodle. Notice the weekly format. This is the page you will see each time you return to Moodle and login using your username and password. Every activity and assignment is listed under the appropriate week. Important course announcements will be listed under Latest News in the upper right hand corner. Assignments, Discussion postings (forums), and Resources for the course can be found under Activities in the upper left hand corner.

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Upon login, your specific course will be listed under My courses. To logout at the end of your session, click on the logout link in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

Email your instructor with any concerns or questions.

Welcome to our course!