A Compulsory Pool Course on Blackboard: TURKISH LANGUAGE
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Background

KADİR HAS UNIVERSITY AND BLACKBOARD
About Kadir Has University

- Established in 1997
- Private university in Istanbul, Turkey
- 4,000 students
- App. 250 full-time and 80 part-time faculty members
- Faculties of:
  - Economics & Administrative Sciences
  - Humanities & Sciences
  - Communication
  - Engineering
  - Law
  - Fine Arts
About Blackboard at the University

- Started using the system as of Fall’07
- The first year was the trial period
- In 2008, the fall semester ended with 124 courses using at least 1 Blackboard tool
- All 780 courses were loaded on to Blackboard in Spring’08
- App. at least 1 tool in 50% of the courses, at least 3 tools in 30% of the courses, at least 5 tools in 5% of the courses
General Information

TURKISH LANGUAGE – ONLINE COURSE
Pool course that is compulsory for all the university programmes in Turkey

The aim of the course is to improve academic reading and writing skills of the students

At Kadir Has University, app. 700 students in each semester

At Kadir Has University, online since Fall’09
Why online instead of face-to-face?

- In face-to-face teaching, different course content depending on the faculty.
- In online teaching, joint program
- For a more efficient and interactive course provided by technology
- Independent of time and place
- A model for Blackboard usage
The design process
PREPARATORY WORKS – BLACKBOARD TOOLS
The instructor has prepared the course content.

12 topics in 12 weeks

Educational Technology Support Unit
  ✓ investigating the tools
  ✓ deciding on the implementation

Students’ responsibilities:
  ✓ To examine 1 topic in each week.
  ✓ To take the quiz after studying on each topic.
  ✓ To participate two discussion topics.
  ✓ To prepare a term project.
  ✓ To take one midterm and the final exam.
  ✓ To attend seminars and workshops during the semester.
The tools used in design process

- Staff Information
- Test and Pool Managers
- Discussion Board
- Course Materials
- Staff Information
- Announcements
- Adaptive Release
- Assignments
- Grade Center
Needs and Solutions
AFTER THE ONLINE LAUNCH
in case of some needs
special cases: alternative uses

- Grade Center 📁
  - List uploading property
    - exam when and where
    - bonus list

- Discussion Board 📣
  - special forums except the discussion topics

- Test Manager 🕒
  - collecting information from the students about when they can attend a face-to-face meeting
Conclusion

ADVANTAGES OF ONLINE COURSE
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- High level of participation on the discussion board
- Better written expressions of opinions
- The instructor can be aware of plagiarism in assignments with Safe Assignment tool
- Rapid and transparent evaluation by the system
- Ease of collecting and monitoring data for improvement of the course
Thank You

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