

# What is happening in the e-Learning space at MUT? Let's talk numbers...

## Blackboard Usage Status

**Wow!** 2020! What a year! We all thought we would achieve some set goals were it not for COVID-19, and suddenly life happened. Well all is not lost.

In the higher education sector this is the year when we saw contact teaching moving to online learning which meant that there had to be a lot of a pedagogic changes and people were forced to use technology to conduct their business.

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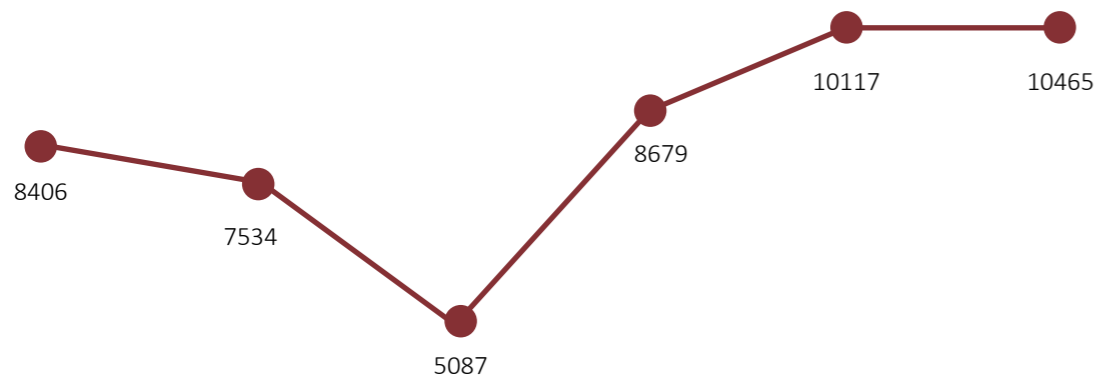
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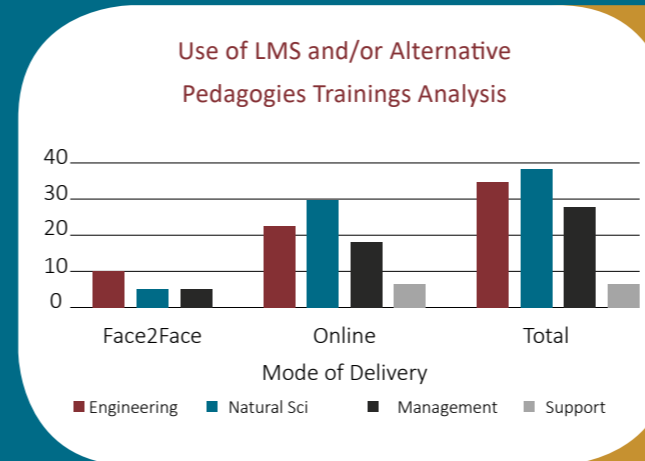
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## BLACKBOARD USER STATS



## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

### 1. Trainings on the use of LMS and/or alternative pedagogies



Faculty	Face 2 Face	ONLINE	TOTAL
Engineering	10	23	33
Natural Sci	7	30	37
Management	7	19	26
Support	0	7	7
<b>Total</b>			<b>103</b>

This provides synopsis of the academics who have been supported through workshops in the use of Blackboard and/or alternative pedagogies. These trainings were offered through two modes face to face training sessions offered before the hard lockdown and 8 more sessions offered online through Zoom and Ms Teams.

### 2. Teaching with Technology resources web page

Visit the web page at <http://www.mut.ac.za/tldc/resources/>

The page covers resources in the following themes:

- ◆ The overview of teaching and learning online
- ◆ Planning to teach online
- ◆ Developing engaging online learning activities
- ◆ Assessing strategies of online courses/Alternative Assessments
- ◆ Study Skills for Self-Isolating Students



### 3. Blackboard Support Corner

Do you have any issues with Blackboard usage?

The Support Corner has been developed to provide support for such problems. We are available on Microsoft Teams every Wednesday from 10:00 to 12:00. A number of academic staff members have been supported through this platform since the first session hosted on 26 August 2020.

#### STUDENT SUPPORT

#### 1. Support Email: [online.learning@mut.ac.za](mailto:online.learning@mut.ac.za)

Since its inception this facility has been used by at least 140 students and other platforms are also used. Many emails have been sent to other email addresses and WhatsApp communication is also another avenue the students use

#### 2. Blackboard Online Training

Online self-training for students was developed to help students familiarize themselves with Blackboard. This is offered as a course on Blackboard wherein all MUT students are enrolled. The training/course has been active since March 2020 and has been accessed by 7228 students. More than 150 comments have been posted on the discussion forum that caters for all students' queries within the training and the overall Blackboard usage.

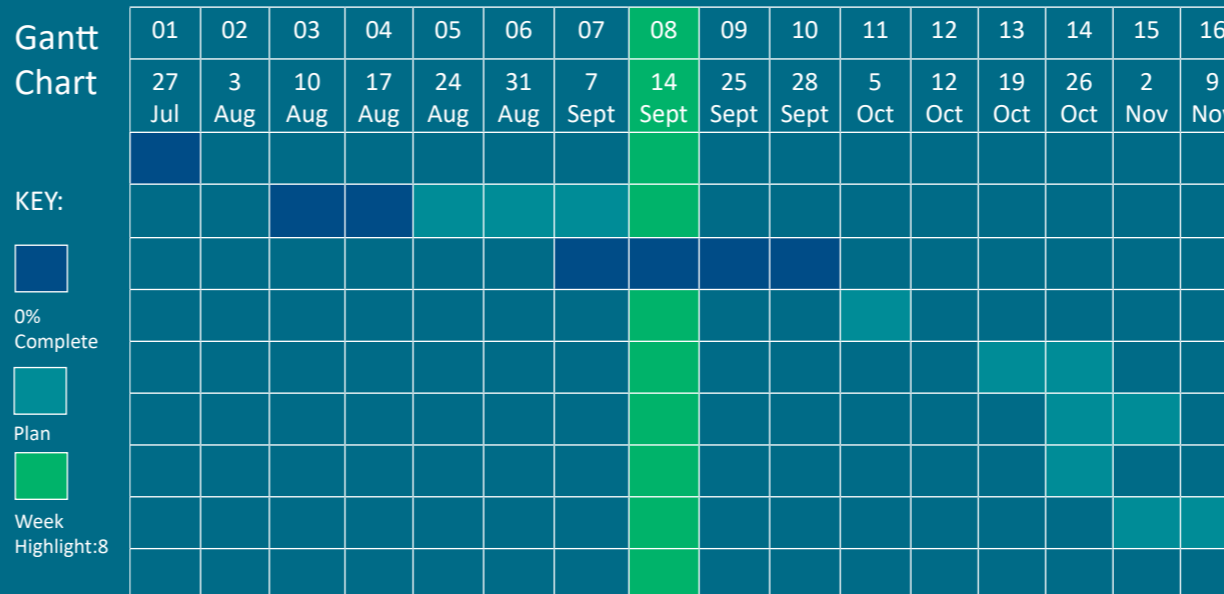
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# Blackboard Upgrade

Groundwork covered, **target date 19 October 2020.**

We are all waiting for the new improved user interface, always on and updated system, and many more features. Our LMS is moving to the Cloud!

Phases		(Primary)	Planned Dates		% Done
			Start Date	End Date:	
01	Kick-off Call	Bb/Client	01 Aug 2020	N/A	100%
02	Testing & Configuration	Client	15 Aug 2020	09 Sept 2020	100%
03	Inactive/Future Course Migration	Bb/Client	12 Sept 2020	30 Sept 2020	100%
04	Go/No-go-call	Bb	07 Oct 2020	N/A	100%
05	Live Course Migration	Bb	16 Oct 2020	18 Oct 2020	0%
06	B2 Data Migration	Bb	18 Oct 2020	23 Oct 2020	0%
07	Go-Live	Bb	19 Oct 2020	N/A	0%
08	Final Course Migration	Bb/Client	23 Oct 2020	05 Nov 2020	0%
09	Close-out/Review	Bb/Client	08 Nov 2020	N/A	0%



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