



Designed to Enhance Classroom-Based Courses, eCompanion Drives Efficient and Effective Teaching and Learning

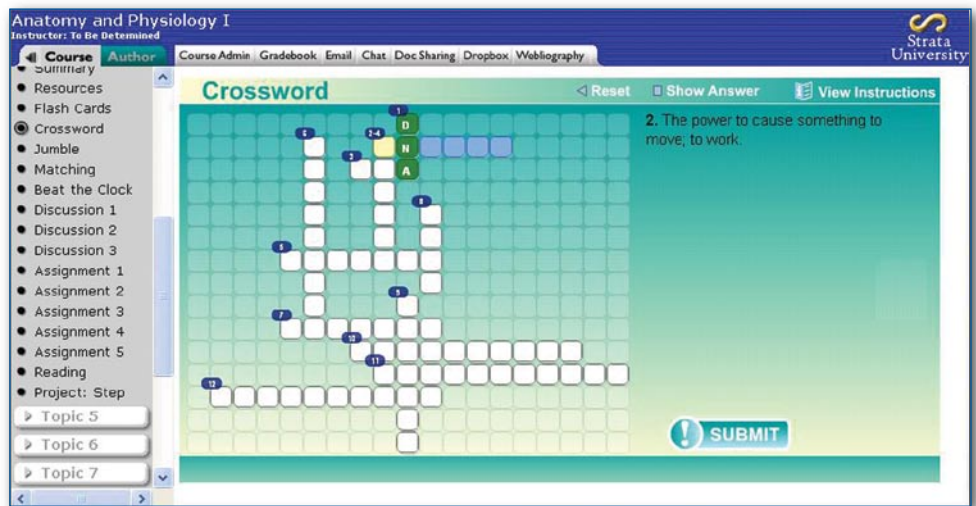
Online Supplement for On-Campus Courses

The typical 50-minute classroom session often does not provide enough time for valuable learning activities such as group work, in-depth discussions and synthesis learning. Understanding the need to extend classroom sessions beyond limited scheduled class times, eCollege has developed eCompanion—an effective online supplement for on-campus courses.

Based on the same reliable and powerful functionality of the eCollege Course Management System for full-distance programs, eCompanion helps instructors supplement their traditional classes with online content and tools. eCompanion enhances classroom-based courses by broadening the class experience and increasing the access of course materials to all students. Through course tools, such as Threaded Discussions, Document Sharing and Journals, eCompanion provides many avenues to improve student communication and collaboration beyond the walls of the classroom.

eCompanion provides:

- Rich Online Resources
- Interactive Chat Session
- Threaded Discussion Boards
- 24/7 Course Access
- Online Assignment Submissions
- Centrally Located Syllabus and Grades



eCompanion courses can provide rich, interactive exercises that supplement traditional classroom assignments, like this crossword puzzle.

Document Sharing

Promoting Interaction and Collaboration

- Enables the execution of online group work.
- Drives efficient and effective collaboration and communication.
- Enables teachers to easily monitor student participation in group work.
- Provides teachers with the data they need to achieve more effective grading practices.

eCollege's industry-leading course supplement technology complements traditional classroom-based programs by facilitating interaction beyond the classroom.

Thoughtful Group Discussions

Many of eCompanion's features foster asynchronous collaboration outside of class. Document Sharing allows students and instructors to share documents with others in class and execute group projects online. The Group Manager not only generates an e-mail alias, private chat room and Document Sharing area for each group, it also enables instructors to monitor group activities and assign course content to specific groups. Threaded Discussions organize responses by unit and enable instructors to view and grade all threads from the Gradebook.

24/7 Access to Course Materials

To reinforce in-class information, instructors can use eCompanion to provide students with online supplemental material. Instructors can easily post online content from textbook publishers, and eCompanion's WeblibliographySM helps instructors provide Web links associated with class discussions and assignments. The Microsoft Upload Tool also enables instructors to convert Microsoft Word®, Excel® and PowerPoint® presentations to HTML in one click. Finally, online assessments enable students to take practice quizzes online that are automatically graded. Students can receive instant feedback on their quiz scores, and instructors can easily view the quiz results in the Gradebook.

Online Assignment Submissions

eCompanion allows instructors to spend less time with administrative tasks and more time teaching. Students submit assignments online in the Dropbox by assignment name. Instructors then can easily grade assignments because the Dropbox organizes the student submissions and conveniently integrates with the Gradebook. This feature eliminates the hassle of paper-based assignments and the time-intensive act of searching through multiple e-mails to find student assignments.

Centrally Located Student Information

Many eCompanion features provide a centralized location for instructors and students to access the information they need to succeed in teaching and learning. The online Gradebook automatically calculates grades as instructors enter scores, thereby always providing a current Grade to Date for each student. eCompanion also offers an Online Syllabus, Calendar and Course Checklist, all of which function to keep students informed and on schedule for completing assignments on time.

eCompanion Provides These Features and Functions to Supplement Courses

Content Creation	Classroom Community	Student Assessment	Course Scheduling	Instructor Efficiencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Visual Editor</i> ■ <i>Content-sensitive Help</i> ■ <i>Math Equation Editor</i> ■ <i>Microsoft Upload Tools</i> ■ <i>Spell Check</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Announcements</i> ■ <i>Chat Pages</i> ■ <i>Document Sharing</i> ■ <i>E-mail</i> ■ <i>Group Manager</i> ■ <i>Weblibliography</i> ■ <i>Threaded Discussions</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Online Exams</i> ■ <i>Assignment Dropbox</i> ■ <i>Journal Tool</i> ■ <i>Gradebook</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Calendar</i> ■ <i>Course Checklist</i> ■ <i>Syllabus</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Gradebook</i> ■ <i>Third-party Content</i> ■ <i>What's New</i>