Facts & Snacks: Technology @NIU

Spring 2017 Workshop Series, Workshop #2
Tuesday February 7, 2017
Overview

• MyNIU
• Blackboard
• Office 365
• Websites for student veterans
Navigating MyNIU

- Check your to do list for additional financial aid forms
- Registering for classes
- Search options
- Add to cart prior to registration date
- Finding the registration date and time
- Additional search criteria
- Staying on track for graduation
  - My Academics
  - What-If-Report
  - View My Advisement Report
  - View Unofficial Transcript
  - Undergraduate Catalog
Using Blackboard

- Personalizing your page
- Adding modules
- Changing your picture
- Tools
  - Class roster (search for ‘space’)
  - Sending an email
- Discussion boards
  - Creating a thread
  - Responding to a post
  - Collection
Operating Office 365

- Mail
  - Setting a theme
  - Creating a signature
- Calendar
  - Creating an event
  - Text message notifications
- People
  - People you frequently contact
  - Groups
- Tasks
  - Creating a task
  - Flagging an email
Savvy Sites

• Quick Links on NIU homepage
• NIU Textbooks Website
• Military Scholarship Finder
Want additional help?

- Division of Information Technology (DoIT)
  - doit.niu.edu/doit/training/index.shtml
  - MyNIU
    - doit.niu.edu/doit/training/student-center.shtml
  - Office 365
    - doit.niu.edu/doit/training/microsoft.shtml

- Blackboard
  - en-us.help.blackboard.com//Learn/Reference/Blackboard_Learn_Videos/Student_Videos

Practice, practice, practice!

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Websites for Student Veterans

• Verifying monthly enrollment for Montgomery GI Bill (Ch. 1606 and 30)
  – VA website

• Applying for federal benefits (GI Bill 1606, 30, 31, 33, 35)
  – MPTSS website
  – eBenefits website

• Applying for the Illinois Veterans Grant (IVG)
  – Application

• Applying for the Illinois National Guard Grant (ING)
  – ISAC website

• Checking eBenefits for your remaining benefits or to print a certificate of eligibility
  – eBenefits website

• How to find the enrollment cert online
  – MPTSS website