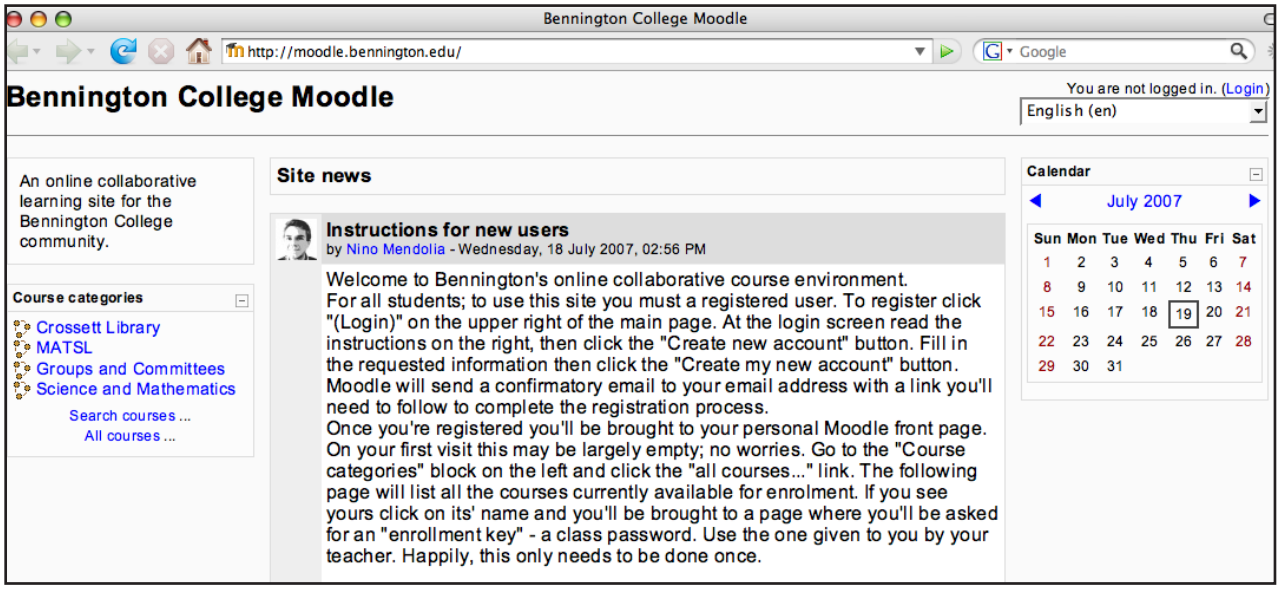
Bennington College Courses Online: Working with Moodle

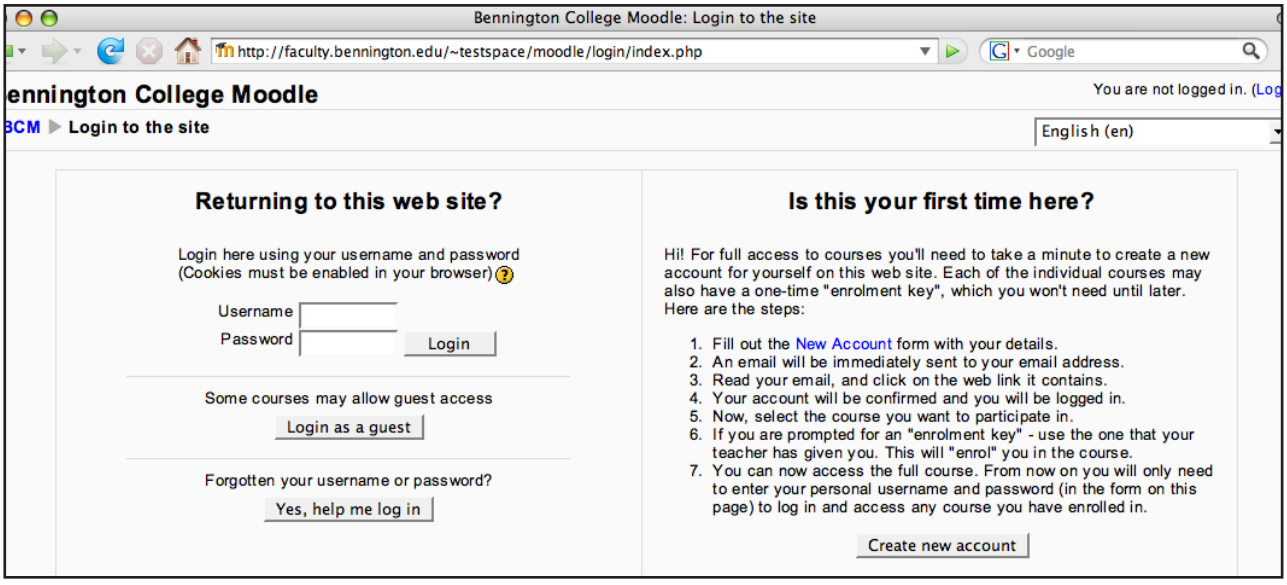
Tutorial 1: Registering for a Moodle account and accessing your online course.

Bennington College has chosen the Open Source course management system Moodle to help faculty and students develop a stimulating collaborative online learning environment. Moodle is easy to use and very flexible. It is well supported across multiple browsers on both Mac OS X and Windows platforms.
To access your Bennington College online course you will need to create a login account. Please follow these simple steps.

1 - Go to http://moodle.bennington.edu



On the upper right corner of the screen, click the "Login" link. Read the instructions on the right then click the "Create new account" button.



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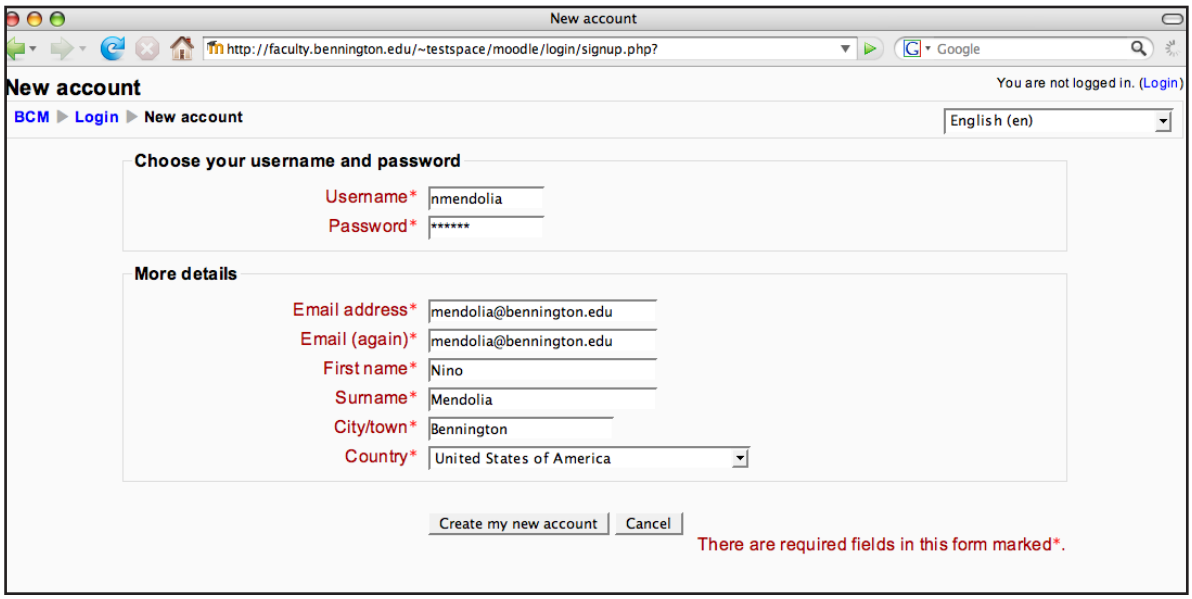
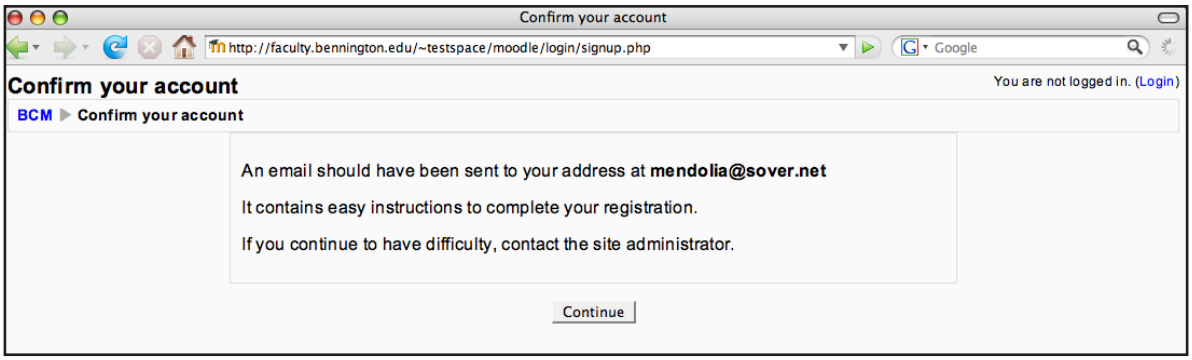
2 - Fill out the requested information on the next screen. Please choose a screen name that clearly identifies you; for example, one that uses your first initial and last name. Also, make a note of the password you create. No one, including the Moodle administrator, will have access to your password should you forget it, you will have to contact the Moodle admin to have your password reset.
Make sure you provide a valid email address. An email will be sent to that address with instructions for completing the registration process.
Once you have filled in the requested information click the "Create my new account" button.



3 - The confirmation email includes an authenticated link back to the main site. It will tell Moodle you have registered with a legitimate email address. Once you have received it, click the link and return to the Bennington College Moodle site.



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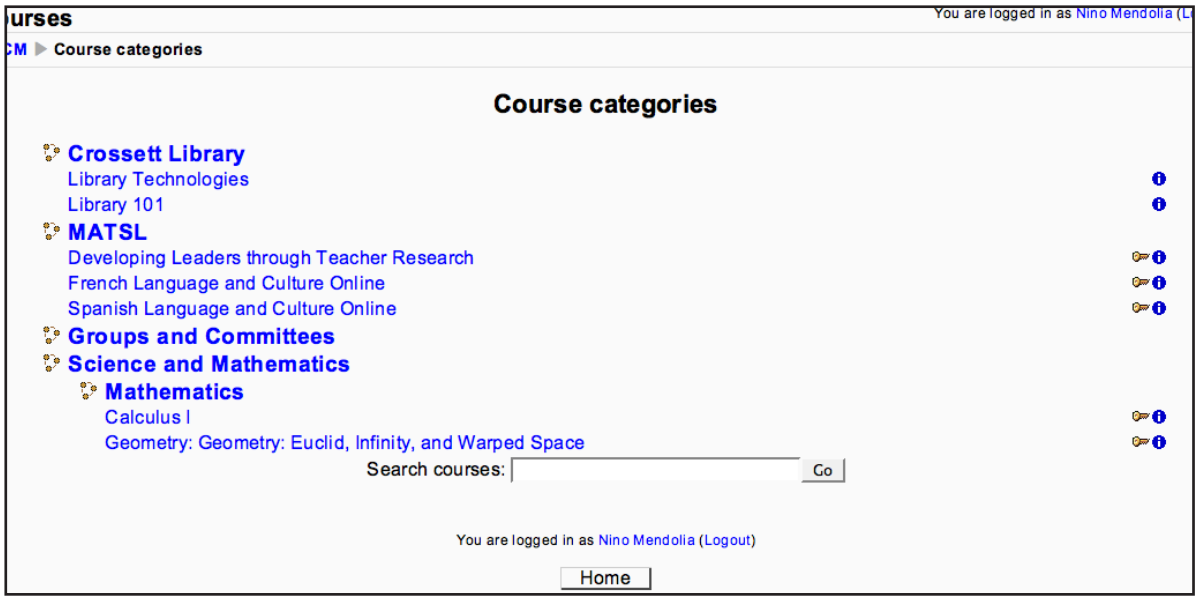
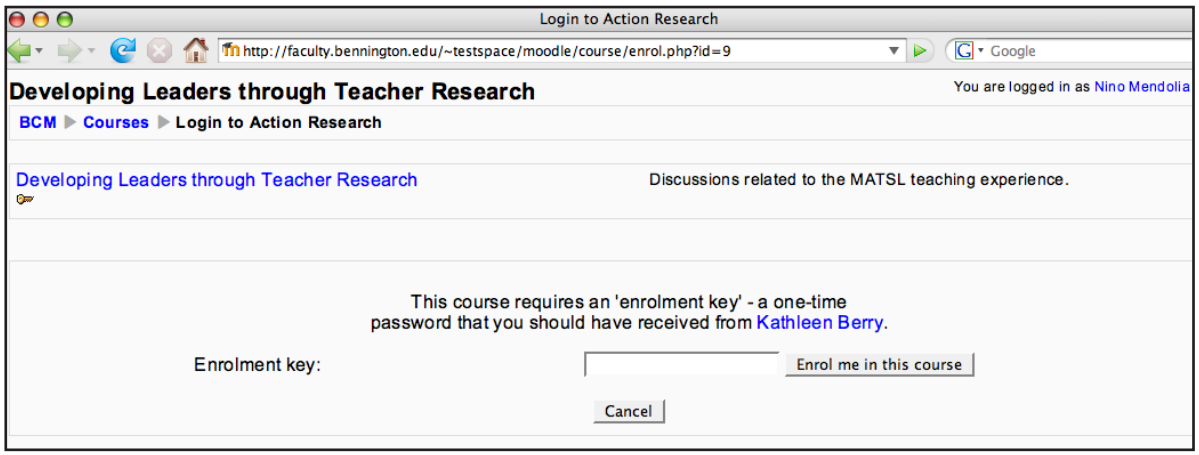
4 - Once you have logged back in you should be presented with a list of available courses. Please note: as of this writing, July 2007, not all courses are listed. Courses open for enrolment for the fall term will be listed by the first week of classes.

Find your course and click its link.



5 - Most courses require an enrolment key for access. Your teacher at the first class meeting will give this to you or it will be sent to you via email. Thankfully, you only need to type this in once.



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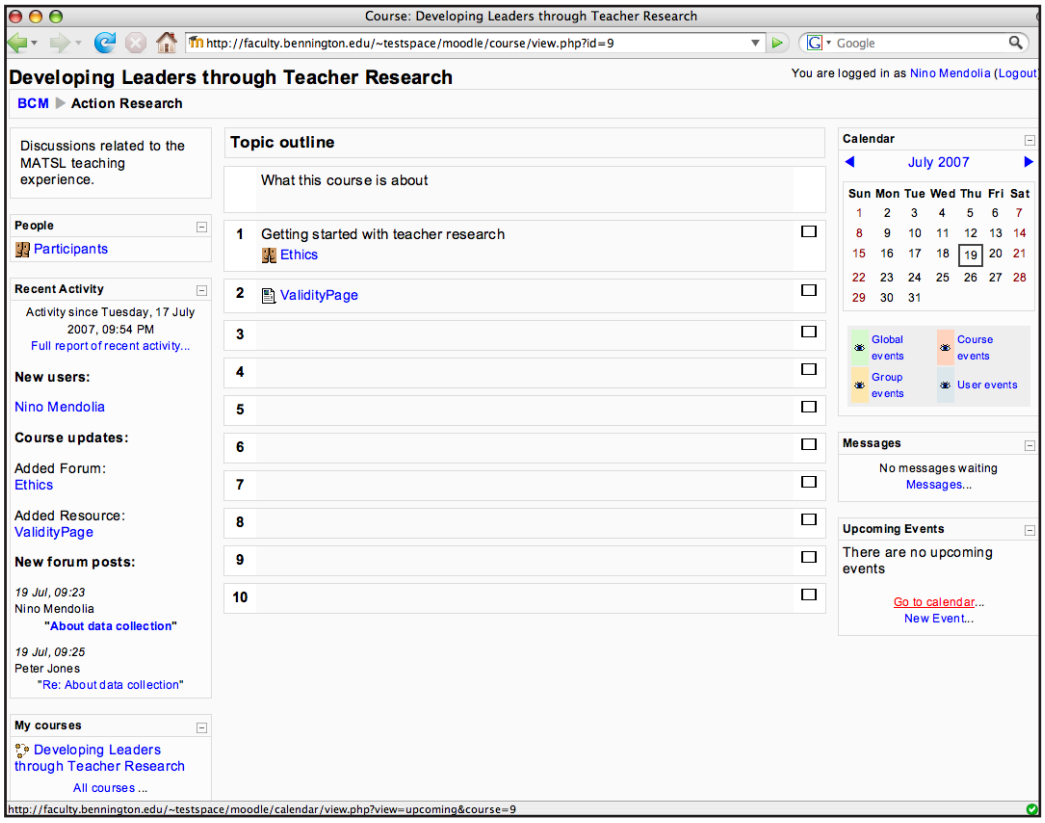
5 - The course content made available will vary depending on the needs of the teacher, but you can expect the overall layout to remain the same. The blocks in the center contain the curriculum material to be shared and the topics to be covered. Most topics will be reviewed using the discussion forum format. This will be the topic of the next tutorial.



If you have any problems please contact the Bennington College Moodle administrator, Nino Mendolia.

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