

Course Web Pages

If you would like to create a course web page for some or all of your classes, there are several options available to you. TWEN (The West Education Network), LexisNexis Web Courses, and WebCT are all effective systems for course web pages. All are relatively easy to learn and the library staff will be glad to help you setup and maintain a course home page on any of these three systems.

One of the major advantages of using TWEN (The West Education Network) or the LexisNexis Web Course system is that direct links can be established to the full text of cases, law review articles and other materials contained in those research systems. Using materials through a link on TWEN or LexisNexis Web Course does not require copyright clearance.

The TWEN (The West Education Network) is made available as part of the law school's Westlaw system. It has a proven track record and is the system currently used by a majority of CUA Law faculty. LexisNexis also offers an easy-to-use course management system for law school faculty known as the LexisNexis Web Course. This system is based on the popular Blackboard web management software. You can check it out at <http://webcourses.lexisnexis.com>. The library can provide you with printed guides to both TWEN and LexisNexis Web Courses. Each course management package is described in more detail below.

TWEN

TWEN is a course home page system available to professors through the Westlaw system. It allows you create a home page for your courses without having to use html coding or other arcane computer programming.

Among the features of TWEN are:

- Ability to post your course syllabus and readings on the Web.
- Ability to seamlessly link to the full-text of cases and law review articles available on the Westlaw system with no worries about copyright clearance.
- Links to CALI lessons
- Interactive discussion forums
- Ease of e-mailing students with course changes, additional readings, class cancellations, etc.
- Online quiz capability
- Online teacher's manuals for many West Group casebooks

Call Pat Petit at 202-319-5228 or e-mail him (petit@law.edu) if you would like additional information about TWEN or individualized assistance in creating a TWEN course home page.

LexisNexis Web Courses

LexisNexis offers a similar system based on the popular Blackboard software platform. It provides many of the features of Westlaw's TWEN system. You are encouraged to examine the LexisNexis web course system at <http://webcourses.lexisnexis.com> and judge for yourself if it meets the needs of your course.

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WebCT

The university's computer center offers the WebCt course home page system. Unlike TWEN and LexisNexis Web Courses, WebCT is not specifically designed for legal education. WebCt is, however, an excellent system for web course management.

For more information on TWEN, LexisNexis Web Courses and WebCT or for assistance with creating or maintaining a web page for your course, telephone Pat Petit at (202) **319-5228** or e-mail him at petit@law.edu.