

Course Management Tools St. John's Central WebCT Comparison

St. John's Central Course Tools		WebCT	
Usage	Requires little technical expertise	Usage	Requires more technical expertise than St. John's Central
Chat	Cannot record chats for later use	Chat	Can record chats for later use
Message Board	Threaded or unthreaded discussions. Limited to one discussion board/class.	Discussion Board	Threaded or unthreaded discussions. Multiple discussion boards/class.
Calendar	Can group multiple calendars	Calendar	Cannot group multiple calendars
E-mail	Email is sent from SJC but retrieved from your St. John's email account.	E-mail	Email is internal to each specific course i.e. mail can only be sent and received from within each course.
GradeBook	N/A	GradeBook	Can be used with or independently of quiz tool
Quizzes	N/A	Quizzes	Add quizzes to database, multiple choice, true/false, matching, short answer
Links	Can add up to 6 links per course	Links	Can add unlimited links on a content page
File Upload	N/A	File Upload	Can upload unlimited PowerPoint, excel and html files
Class Groupings	Able to group classes easily	Class Groupings	Able to group classes with the help of the e-studio staff
Groups	Can subscribe to or request unlimited number of groups	Groups	Can only create groups within the discussion board of each class.

Threaded message: shows links to all responses associated with it. The message is displayed with all responses beneath it, which are connected by arrows.

Unthreaded messages: are listed in the order that the messages were posted, using numbers. Every time an unthreaded message is posted to Discussions, it is given a unique message number.