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## **9 Ohio Colleges and Universities Receive Grants to Improve Quality of High Demand Courses**

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Ohio's colleges and universities want their students to have the best education around. Thanks to grants from the Ohio Learning Network, they will.

9 of Ohio's institutions will change some of their most sought after courses to provide an even better learning experience for students. The Ohio Learning Network awarded \$356,843 in the form of planning grants to redesign high enrollment courses to improve the quality based on accepted quality standards.

The Technology Innovations Course Redevelopment Grants program allows campuses to redesign courses with high enrollment to improve the learning experience for the students. It will also allow institutions to enroll additional students in the course and reduce the cost to the institution to deliver the course. Grants were awarded to the following institutions:

Ohio University, Redesigning Fundamentals of Human Communication 101, \$39,056  
Miami University, Course Redesign of Great Ideas in Western Music, \$40,000  
Lorain County Community College, Redesign of Micro and Macro Economics, \$40,000  
Central Ohio Technical College, Course Redesign Human Anatomy and Physiology I, \$40,000  
Bowling Green State University, Course Redesign: The Curriculum, \$40,000  
Cleveland State University, Urban Studies 200 Course Redesign, \$39,356  
Columbus State Community College, Redesign Using the Online Model: Ancient World through the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, \$40,000  
The University of Toledo, Redesigning and Refining Engineering Technology 1000, \$38,431  
Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Online Information Technology Concepts Course, \$40,000

"Our goal is that these awards will provide institutions with the means of looking at their other large enrollment courses, in which they can use the grant's models of redesign to increase learning outcomes and reduce costs through use of technology with instruction." said George E. Steele, OLN Director of Educational Access.

The Technology Innovations Course Redevelopment Grants program is based on models of course redesign developed by the Center for Academic Transformation that use technology to enhance quality and reduce costs. This program is designed to support recommendations made by the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy (CHEE). The CHEE commission is charged with recommending ways to maximize public investment in higher education and ensure that the needs of students, parents and the business community are being met. [www.chee.ohio.gov](http://www.chee.ohio.gov)

OLN ([www.olin.org](http://www.olin.org)) is a consortium of 65 of Ohio's public and private colleges and universities and is an initiative of the Ohio Board of Regents. OLN helps Ohioans access higher education, helps build partnerships among higher education, schools, businesses and communities, and promotes and supports e-learning in the state of Ohio. For additional information regarding the Technology Innovations Course Redevelopment Grants program please contact George Steele at [gsteele@olin.org](mailto:gsteele@olin.org) or 614 995-3240.