

CSCCT: Security and forensic tools, Level 2, Dr Theo Spyridopoulos

Hi, my name's Theo Spyridopoulos, module leader for level 2 Security and Forensic Tools. We use the FET Blackboard module template to organise our module site and find that this layout really works for our students.

Following the template means that our module site opens with the Announcements page to ensure students are kept up to date with information relating to the module.

Next is a Module Introduction page. This page gives an overview of what is covered in the module and includes the specific Learning Outcomes and details of how Blackboard will be used.

After this we have a section for the Module Handbook which provides a link to the handbook and briefly tells students how useful the handbook is and that they must read it carefully.

After that, there is a Module Schedule. Ours includes a simple table that maps what students will be doing each week.

The next content area is the Learning Materials area. This is where the bulk of the module site content is. We've put time and effort into making sure this part of the site is neat, tidy and clearly labelled so that our students can find what they need quickly. We've organised this section by semester, then by week. In here, students can find learning resources like copies of lecture PowerPoints.

In line with the FET module template, our digital reading list is the next section on the menu. Students find this really useful.

After that is the Assignments page where we provide information on the module's summative assignments. Here, we've started with the key information from the module handbook and added folders for resources relating to specific assessments and tests.

The Questions Area and the Groups sections are sections we, as the module team, have added ourselves because we think they benefit students taking this module.

After this, though, we return to the FET Blackboard module template with a Contacts page to help students get in touch with us if they need to.

The Resit Material page is where all the resources for resit students can be found. I keep this area hidden until a few weeks before the resit period.

The final section of the FET Blackboard module template is the Module Enhancement page. This is where we can tell students about any changes we've made to the module in response to student feedback during this, or previous years.

And that's the end of the tour of our Blackboard module site for Security and Forensic Tools.

For us it's really important that students can find the information they need when they need it and we think the FET Blackboard module template really helps with that.