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Saba Centra Live

Collaborative Learning for the Academic Enterprise

With Centra Live for the academic enterprise, you can:

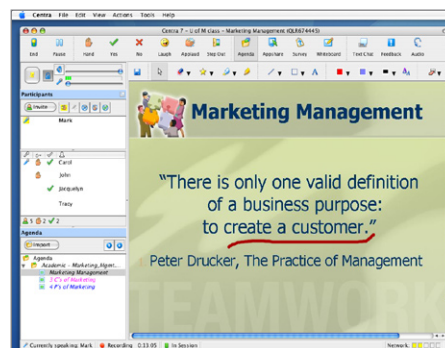
- Promote academic-business cooperation through live virtual meetings and collaborative research projects
- Create new online classes or degree programs, increasing your student body to include non-traditional and global students
- Conduct informational Web seminars and virtual campus tours for prospective students
- Improve educational outcomes through enriched, interactive virtual classes and collaborative sessions
- Let your students more easily work as cohorts on team projects and in study groups
- Offer around-the-clock access to an online resource library for students who miss class or need more review
- Hold virtual “office hours” and extra help sessions convenient for both students and instructors

And e-learning is not just for post-secondary schools. For K-12 systems, Centra Live lets you:

- Offer advanced or special interest courses to a dispersed student population
- Provide homework assistance
- Better meet mandated educational outcomes
- Conduct virtual parent-teacher conferences, PTA/PTO meetings or general school/parent/community sessions
- Support teacher certification and school accreditation efforts
- Assist nontraditional, adult learners in your community

Centra Live helps academic institutions across the full spectrum of the academic enterprise grow and thrive online. K-12. Colleges and universities. Graduate programs. Professional schools. Centra Live’s support for virtual classes, real-time collaboration, self-paced and blended learning, formal and informal e-meetings, and Web seminars brings students, faculty, administrators, alumni and the external community together as never before.

Today, forward-thinking educational institutions use collaboration technology to create innovative approaches to learning. Centra Live is at the forefront of this movement.



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self-paced, collaborative — to support the equally broad range of learning styles and needs. They know that a good deal of learning occurs beyond the classroom walls — and that learning is a lifetime endeavor. The academic enterprise is more focused on outcomes and the ongoing success of its graduates, and it’s engaged as never before with the world that lives “off campus”: with the community, with business, with global organizations.

At the same time, today’s students are more discerning “educational consumers,” with more learning options than they’ve had in the past. And they’re technically savvy: they’ve grown up in an information-rich, always-on world, and technology is integral to how they live and learn.

The world has changed since pedagogy meant a stand-and-deliver teacher in front of a blackboard holding a piece of chalk. Academic institutions now recognize that they must provide a broad range of learning approaches — active, blended, hands-on,

Forward-thinking educational institutions are using collaborative learning technology to create innovative approaches to learning and working together — approaches that help them improve outcomes, and attract and retain students and instructors.

Centra Live for Collaborative Learning Technology

Centra Live, a Saba solution, helps academic institutions grow and thrive in the lifelong “marketplace for learning,” enabling students, faculty, and their partners and collaborators in business, academia, and other organizations, to work in cohorts — anytime, anywhere. Centra Live lets people share knowledge and ideas and collaborate in a highly interactive real-time environment, live over the Internet.

Through its support for virtual classes, real-time collaboration, and formal and informal e-meetings and Web seminars, Centra Live enables administrators, instructors, students and the “real world” to work together as never before. Synchronous virtual classes conducted in Centra Live allow for all the interaction of a typical classroom. Instructors are no longer constrained by the limits of asynchronous “canned classes,” and student satisfaction and success increase.

Whether on or off campus, with Centra Live’s online meeting capabilities, students can gather virtually to work on collaborative projects, confer with TAs on problem sets or just kick back and exchange ideas. Faculty members use Centra Live for Web seminars to present their research to a wider audience, and work more closely with remote colleagues and businesses.

By enabling virtual classes, e-meetings and Web seminars, Saba’s Centra solutions support the online learning and collaboration requirements of your entire academic community, before, during and after the live sessions.

Centra Live is the most widely used solution for the delivery of e-learning and real-time collaboration on the market today. Here’s what some of our academic customers have to say:

“Until Centra Live came along, there wasn’t a good system for replicating the communication that comes in the physical classroom. After we chose Centra for our Virtual College, we were able to bring online learning back to the classroom metaphor.”

— New York University

“Working adults constitute a huge audience for masters degrees and certificates, but they need educational opportunities delivered directly to their desktop, wherever they are in the world. Adult learners crave natural interaction with our faculty and with their classmates. Centra’s capabilities not only preserved this social connection, but also helped us to reach out to this audience with entire degree programs.”

— University of Tennessee

“With Centra, we now use a blended learning approach to teach the courses. Instructors combine live interactive sessions with follow-up collaborative discussions and self-paced learning. Since using Centra, we have found that course completion rates are up — up to 94% for some courses — which are almost twice the completion rates of the classes that do not have a virtual classroom component.”

— Stanford University
Education Program for Gifted Youth

Centra Live is available under a number of different deployment options: on-premise, behind-the-firewall installation; full-featured on-demand service; and outsourced hosting. Flexible pricing options for corporate and academic educators include perpetual-use licensing, subscription and enterprise volume plans.

Centra Live Features:

<i>BEFORE</i>	
Class Scheduling and Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-enroll students or allow them to self-enroll in sessions • Enroll students in multicourse programs; automated e-mails confirm registration
Agenda Builder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course designers build Web-based tests and evaluations, and assemble class content, into a customized, reusable format
Ease-of-Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-meetings (formal or informal) and Web seminars are easily set up and conducted — no need to involve IT
Domain Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and track usage among multiple departments and campuses
Localization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow students/participants to individually choose their user interface from up to nine supported languages
<i>DURING</i>	
Real-Time Interactivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep students and meeting participants interested with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes/no polling, instant surveys, hand raising, laughter/applause, public/private text chat, and “open floor” audio chats - Multi-use, interactive whiteboards that can be saved for later review - Guided and self-paced Web touring
Rich Multimedia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enliven classes and meetings with Flash, Shockwave, JavaScript, animated GIFs or streaming audio/video
Just-in-Time Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import slides and other materials into a session in real time • Mark up the materials in session; notes are saved — it’s now automatic — for later review
Multiple Instructors/Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable team teaching/presentation, with leaders from any location taking the lead in a session • Promote any participant to co-leader with full access to the leader tools “on the fly”
Breakout Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divide the main session into smaller groups for team or individual exercises
Tests and Quizzes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto-grade tests in session • Review individual and aggregate answers after the session
Unified Conferencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose free, reliable, fully integrated, full-duplex voice-over-IP conferencing, and/or your preferred teleconferencing service
Integrated Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the instructor/leader and other participants — even with a low bandwidth network
<i>AFTER</i>	
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track and report on student/participant, session, attendance and assessment data • Collect evaluation feedback
Record and Playback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record events automatically for playback by those who missed a class or event • Edit native recordings (insert or delete indexed points) to streamline and update content • Participants can interact with HTML content or take assessments during playback
Integration and Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage your investments through integration with course management systems such as Blackboard and with student information and administrative systems • Integrates with optional Centra Knowledge Center for on-demand access to personalized learning tracks and searchable library of learning content • Ensure content portability and interoperability with leading content tools and technologies through support for SCORM, LRN, and other industry standards