

Instructional Computing Services

<http://www.ics.appstate.edu>

Pointing your AppalNET class link to an external (i.e., non-AppalNET, non-WebCT) web page (not wanting to use AppalNET's built-in course tools):

NOTE: There are really two places that you can choose to provide students with a link to materials at an external URL. The method below describes how provide this link directly from the student's "Courses I'm Attending" page in AppalNET. Linking in this manner will completely bypass the AppalNET default course home page, and therefore, not provide you or your students with access to the several built-in course tools (Announcements, News, Photos, Links, Files, Message Board, Calendar, Chat, and Email) that reside there. If you don't want to use any of these resources, then linking in the manner described below will work fine.

- 1) Log into AppalNET by clicking the "AppalNET" link on the University Homepage, or by pointing a java-enabled browser to <http://appalnet.appstate.edu> (see the "Logging into AppalNET for the First Time for Faculty" document if you have trouble logging in).
- 2) If you are unable to log into AppalNET successfully, follow the link to the "Password Change Form" listed under the "Having problems logging in?" menu. This will allow you to set/change/synchronize your AppalNET password. If this effort fails, please call Tech Support at (828) 262-6266 to speak with a technical support specialist.
- 3) Upon entering AppalNET, you will see your 'Class Links' and 'Courses I'm Teaching' at the top of the right column. You may also click on the 'Class Links' tab along the top of the page to view your Class Links in a larger frame. Scroll to find the class for which you wish to set the link.
- 4) Remember that, by default, the link to your course will point to AppalNET's default course home page. To change your course link to point to another site outside of AppalNET, click on the red edit button by the course name, select the radio button next to 'Other,' enter the URL (make sure to include the *http://* prefix), and click 'Save Changes.'
- 5) Now clicking on the link to your course will take your students (and you) directly to the URL that you provided, by-passing AppalNET's built-in course tools.