Foreign Language Technology Program:  
A Non Credit Program in Technology Integration in the Language Classroom

Goal of the program:

Help language teachers (from graduate students to tenured faculty) find their bearings in the digital classroom:

- Teach the **main technologies** available today
- Teach the **theory** and **practice** of technology integration in the classroom
- Provide **exemplary practices**
- Review and present on the latest **research**

Why this program?

- Very few will argue with the necessity for today’s teachers to be well **acquainted with technology** to be able to teach effectively and in a way that is relevant to today’s students
- While most graduate programs offer some forms of teacher training to their graduate students, **technology** integration often represents a **negligible** part of this training (when addressed at all)
- The FLTP fills this gap

Structure of the FLTP

- 15 required workshops
- 3 requirements and 12 electives (choose from over 40 different workshops)
- A multimedia portfolio showcasing a technology integration project

2005 to present

- The revamped program was launched in 2005
- After a couple years of modest attention, attendance began to rise steadily in the fall of 2008
- In fall 2010, 140 teachers attended the 7 workshops offered (an average of 20 per workshop)
Recipe for success:

- 100 % hands-on!
- Concrete examples
- Variety in offerings
- Clear directions: Download all the workshop manuals from http://edutechnoresources.blogspot.com
- Guest speakers
- Share Fair

The future

- Help teachers conduct action research in their classes
- Conduct k-12 outreach events
- Build a Master’s program in SLA through technology

Sample Workshop list:

Blogging, Computer Basics, Course Design and Technology, Digital Video, Merlot, Webquests, Voicethread, Facebook, WebCT, Google Docs, Intro to FLTP, Audacity, Hot Potatoes, Powerpoint, Smart Classrooms, Podcasting, Copyright, Assessment Ning, iMovie 9, Wikis, Digital Storytelling/Photostory, Tech Sampler, Second Life (1 and 2), Online Learning, Streaming, Film Streaming, Yabla, Wordpress, Prezi, Extranormal, iclicker/poll daddy, GarageBand, Comic Life, Blogger