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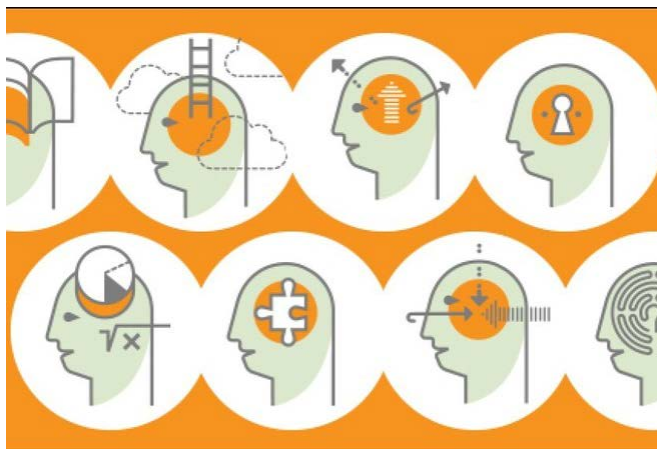
OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL  
TECHNOLOGY, DESIGN, & ASSESSMENT  
(ITDA)

TEACHING TIPS TUESDAY  
UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING  
&  
BLACKBOARD ACCESSIBILITY



Dear Colleagues:

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a set of principles that provide teachers with a structure to develop instructions to meet the diverse needs of all learners. UDL is a curriculum and instructional design framework based on neuroscientific research and focused on how the brain recognizes, processes, organizes, evaluates, and responds to varied types of information (Meyer, Rose & Gordon 2014).



To learn more about UDL and accessibility, read the article from VITAL about "Helping All Your Students with Universal Design for Learning" check out VARK learning styles and see ITDA's link to an article that outlines Blackboard's commitment to accessibility.



*"The Line" Quote from Experience*

"Educational equity means that each student receives what he or she needs to develop to his or her full academic and social potential."

From,

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Director

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Instructional Designer



**From the Desk of Cynthia Rutz, Director  
Valparaiso Institute for Teaching and Learning (VITAL)**

Many of our students are struggling right now. Some are hampered by two years of lockdown and missed learning. Others have learning disabilities, whether diagnosed or not. How can you help these students succeed in your classes? Christina Hearne, Director of the Access & Accommodations Resource Center provides some simple ideas you can implement right now to help with student learning. Then Ruth Wertz (General Engineering) explains how she gives her students multiple chances to master a skill.

***"Helping All Your Students with Universal Design for Learning"***

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

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CLEARING A PATH  
FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS  
CLEARS THE PATH FOR EVERYONE!

visual \* aural \* read/write \* kinesthetic

**VARK**

a guide to learning preferences

**Do you know how you learn?**

VARK is a questionnaire that helps your learning by suggesting the strategies you should be using.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

Universal Design for Learning



Universal Design and equitable access are critical for a strong Tier 1 Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) foundation. Click on the Novak Education image to view Dr. Novak reviews of UDL, equity, and how they fit into MTSS. [Katie Novak, Ed.D.](#)

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## Instructional Technology, Design, & Assessment (ITDA) BLACKBOARD ACCESSIBILITY



Click the **Bb** button for access to the Blackboard Help website to learn about the learning management system's commitment and compliance with accessibility.

Click Here To Tap Into Other Blackboard Topics for Instructors

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, DESIGN & ASSESSMENT (ITDA) FOR ASSISTANCE, SUBMIT A REQUEST HERE

# COMING SOON!

WIC/WID/Writing Program  
Faculty Development



Tuesday August 11 and Friday August 12, 2022  
ASB 237 | 9:15 am - 3:30 pm  
Seating is limited to 20 participants.  
Contact Kelly.Belanger@valpo.edu with  
questions.



## Workshop Info. & Registration



# TEACHING RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

## An Interdisciplinary Eco-pedagogy Workshop



Learning about Plastic Pollution and its Impact on Living Organisms

Laurie Eberhardt [Biology Department, VU]



Regenerative Agriculture. Redefining the Way We Eat

Dan Perkins [Perkins' Good Earth Farm]



Plastics, Food, Heroes and Forgotten Voices - Four Examples of Interdisciplinary Activities

Eco-pedagogy Faculty Learning Community



Are We Teaching Our Students the Skills They Need to Thrive in a Changing World?

Discussion

Friday, April 29, 4:00-6:00 PM  
Helge Center Multipurpose Room

Zoom Seminar ID: 836 9060 0483 Passcode: ECOVU

Refreshments will be served

Let us know if  
you are planning  
on attending!



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## Guided Tour: Simple Syllabus and the Benefits of Syllabus Management

Guided Tour: Simple Syllabus and the Benefits of  
Syllabus Management

In this one-hour demonstration learn how Simple  
Syllabus can help faculty save time, improve the learning experience, and  
streamline accreditation activities at your institution through digital class syllabi.

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 | 2:00 pm ET



[Webinar Info. & Registration](#)

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