DFI Faculty Newsletter

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Welcome to the DFI July Faculty Newsletter!

In this issue of the DFI Faculty newsletter, we want to share some resources to get you thinking about your course syllabi and activities to engage your learners. The TC AI working group has created examples of AI policies that you can utilize in your course syllabi.

We are also sharing one of our newly created Instructional Guides & Resources on how to engage your learners online. These guides contain suggestions for how to incorporate technology and other instructional strategies into your everyday instruction. In our upcoming newsletters we will feature various instructional guides and resources to help compliment your instruction at TC!

We hope you have a wonderful month, and thank you for reading!

What's New?

1. Developing a Generative AI Policy for Your Course:

TC encourages instructors to consider how generative AI can be integrated into courses and to be explicit and transparent in communicating this policy to students (in your syllabus, in class, and whenever relevant to assignments). In devising your policy regarding generative AI, you should take into account factors like:

- Alignment with learning goals
- Equity and access for all students
- Information security and data privacy
- Copyright and academic integrity

View the AI Policy Examples ⧉

2. Creating Activities that Engage Online Learners:

Engaging students in the online classroom can be challenging, even for the most seasoned instructors. Without the benefits of in-person cues and interactions, it can be difficult to gauge student engagement and ensure active participation. However, thoughtfully designed activities can make all the difference in connecting with students and facilitating dynamic online learning.

This instructional guide provides research-backed methods for developing online activities that capture student attention, stimulate critical thinking, leverage collaboration, and maintain engagement from login to logout. The strategies and examples offered aim to help instructors of all technical skill levels incorporate new tools and teaching approaches into their courses.

View Instructional Guide ⧉

3. Summer B Course Support:

Individual assistance from DFI:

If you would like assistance setting up your Canvas course please fill out our Canvas course support form and one of our Instructional Support Associates (ISAs) will contact you to assist.
We can assist with:

- Importing content from last summer
- Utilizing one of the TC templates
- Answering any questions you might have about adding content to your Canvas course

Do-it-yourself:

This simple 10-step Canvas Quickstart guide is a great resource for faculty who would like to set up Canvas courses on their own.

Upcoming Faculty PD

Organizing Insights: Using NVivo for Effective Literature Reviews
Tuesday 7/09/24: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Remote via Zoom

Have you ever wasted precious time looking for vital information located in some article you've read in the past? NVivo could be the solution you've been searching for. Join us to discover how NVivo's features can help you save, organize, and search your articles efficiently, ensuring important information is always within reach.
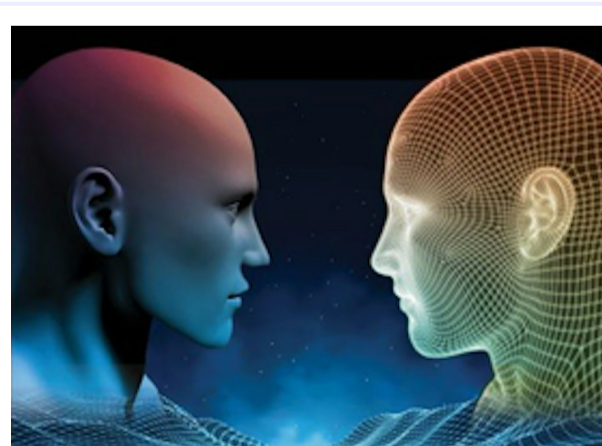
Register ⧉

Getting Started with Artificial Intelligence: Basics and Beyond
Thursday 7/25/24: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Remote via Zoom

In this 30-minute webinar, we will explore the fundamental concepts of generative AI, as well as share examples of various types of AI tools and applications, such as text, image, video, and voice generators. You will learn about the benefits and challenges of AI and be introduced to ethical considerations associated with its use. This beginner-friendly webinar offers the perfect entry point to understanding AI, providing you with the essential knowledge to begin exploring this technology.

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Creating Images with Artificial Intelligence
Tuesday 7/30/2024: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Remote via Zoom

Join our 30-minute webinar to get a quick overview of using AI image generators. Whether for projects or teaching, learn how to easily transform your ideas into exciting visuals. We'll demonstrate the tools' functionalities, discuss ethical use, and encourage your creativity. Perfect for educators, students, and staff—no artistic skills required!

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