

Welcome to the DFI January Faculty Newsletter!

Happy new year and welcome back! We hope that you had a restful break. We are pleased to include below all of the details that you will need to request support for getting your courses up and running.

We are also excited to announce that <u>Ally for TC</u> has been implemented in all TC courses as of **January**9th. You can learn more about Ally below.

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



1. Spring 2023 Course Development Support

----> What's New?

Individual assistance from DFI:

If you would like assistance setting up your Canvas course please Open a DFI Support Ticket and one of our

Instructional Support Associates (ISAs) will contact you to assist. We can assist with:

Answering any questions you might have about adding content to your canvas course

 Importing content from last fall Utilizing one of the TC templates

- **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.

To help make our Canvas courses more inclusive for TC students, the Ally accessibility tool has been added to all TC Canvas courses on Jan. 9, 2023.

2. New Tool in your Canvas course:

Ally for Teachers College:

You will see Ally indicators that provide information about the accessibility of each file in your course. Please note that your students CANNOT see the indicators - the indicators are only visible to the course's instructor

and CA/TAs. The Indicators you will see are:

Light green: The file is accessible but more improvements are possible.

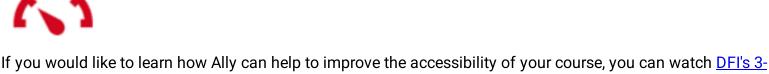
Dark green: Ally didn't identify any accessibility issues with this file, but further improvements may still be possible.



Orange indicators: The file is somewhat accessible and needs improvement.



Red indicators: There are severe accessibility issues with this file.



resources, or open a DFI ticket. 3. Macy Studio B Hours

minute video introduction to Ally, attend one of our Faculty Using Ally online workshops, follow our Ally DIY

Sign up for Macy Studio B Hours

studio hours, you will now need to fill out a Qualtrics form linked below.

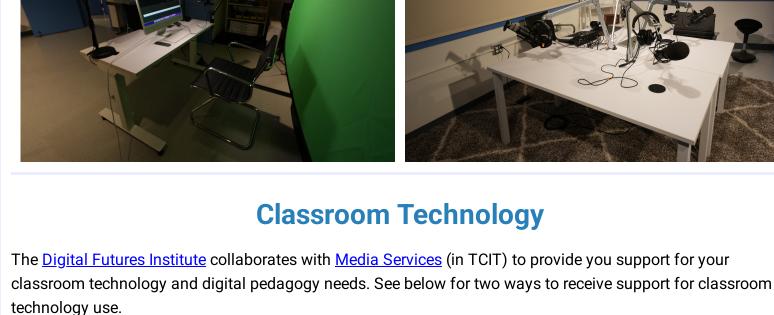
Macy Studio B hours will be expanding appointment slots and adding a new sign up process. To sign up for

A podcast station with up to six microphones

Macy Studio B hours includes:

A webcam recording station with lights, backdrops and a studio microphone Assistance from a DFI representative

- We are excited to help with your recordings!





Media Services can come and assist you with getting started at the beginning of each class session. Complete a request early to make sure you are on their schedule by filling out a Media Services request form.

If you have a classroom specific technology question, open a ticket and Media Services will work with you to

Multiple Dates and Times

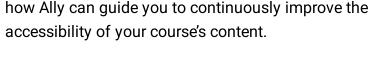
Remote Via Zoom

find an answer.

Classroom Specific Questions:

Open a Media Services Request:

Upcoming Faculty PD

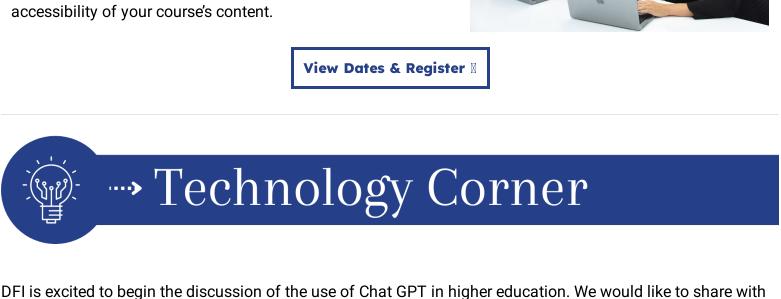


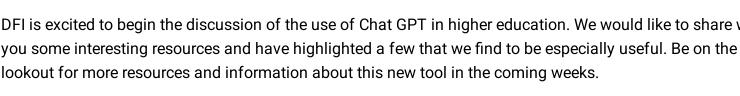
Using Ally to Improve your Canvas Course



---> Technology Corner

Join us to see what Ally can automatically do to help make your Canvas course content more accessible. You'll also learn





Chat GPT is a language generation model developed by OpenAI. It is based on the GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer) architecture, which uses deep learning to generate human-like text.

Chat GPT is specifically designed for conversational applications, such as chatbots and virtual assistants. It

has been trained on a large dataset of conversational text, which allows it to understand and respond to natural language inputs in a way that is similar to how a human would. **Interesting resources:**

What is Chat GPT?

- <u>Eight ways to engage with AI writers in higher education</u>. Times Higher Education, Lucinda McKnight Practical Responses to ChatGPT - Montclair U faculty respond
- AI bot ChatGPT writes smart essays should professors worry?
 Nature. Chris Stokel-Walker. What Will ChatGPT Mean for Teaching? Edsurge. Jeffrey R. Young Three Things to Know about Al Tools and Teaching, Agile Learning Blog, Derek Bruff

<u>Education in the World of ChatGPT</u>. The Absent- Minded Professor Blog. Josh Brake.

- <u>ChatGPT and the rise of AI writers: how should higher education respond?</u>, Times Higher Education.
 - Facebook Twitter Instagram LinkedIn YouTube

Copyright © 2021, Teachers College Digital Futures Institute, Columbia University, All rights reserved.

Update Profile | Unsubscribe

You are receiving this email as a member of the TC Community

%%Member_Busname%%

%%Member_Addr%% %%Member_City%%, %%Member_State%% %%Member_PostalCode%%

Nancy Gleason.