



Universal Design and Teaching Visual Learners

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Diverse learning styles call for diversity in course materials and teaching, including more *visual content*. This is Universal Design.

This Staff and Faculty Inquiry, **Group Universal Course Design (UCD) and Teaching Visual Learners**, is focusing on UCD philosophy and strategies in relation to course instruction, assessment and environment.

SFIG leaders Sue Martin and Lance Hidy gave a co-presentation at Professional Day on March 25, outlining some of the group's goals. Both presentations are available for viewing on the NECC website for Professional Development. Here is a link to Sue's slide show. http://cit.necc.mass.edu/ofsd/images/prof_day_conf_3-25-10/martin_UCD.pdf

Here is the link to Lance's slide show. http://cit.necc.mass.edu/ofsd/images/prof_day_conf_3-25-10/hidy_visual_learning.pdf

In addition we are developing a UCD syllabus template, reviewing technology tutorials and adding UCD characteristics and tools. We are also planning to become more familiar with the accessibility features in software such as Powerpoint and Acrobat.

The Office for Faculty and Staff Development has sponsored three one-hour workshops by Lance Hidy on the design of course materials and improved slide presentations. Details are available at http://cit.necc.mass.edu/ofsd/images/sfigs/UCD/Hidy_April%202010_Lectures2_staff.pdf

and http://cit.necc.mass.edu/ofsd/images/sfigs/UCD/Hidy_April%202010_Lectures2_faculty.pdf

Here is our current SFIG group.

Do you want to join us?

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