Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in Post-Secondary School Education

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Have you ever had that conversation with a fellow faculty member that goes something like, "I just don't get it! I made it so clear how to add a discussion posting, submit an assignment, etc. and I still get last minute emails stating they are stuck"! Or "How come no matter how hard I try, I just don't seem to be able to engage students in the material"?

Perhaps another one of the Teaching & Learning Centre's courses, <u>Teaching Unique</u>, <u>Diverse Learners (UDL)</u>, can shed some light! Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is established in brain neuroscience. It acknowledges that unless the three different networks in our brain – recognition, strategic, and affective – are involved, learning can't take place.

The principles of UDL and the goals of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion go hand in hand to eliminate systemic barriers in education. Teaching Unique, Diverse Learners (UDL) will have you explore the history of UDL while reflecting on your own past educational experiences. After exploring in-depth the three principles of UDL and how they might be incorporated in a course, you'll have an opportunity to put learning into action as you examine and consider some tweaks on current course content delivery and current methods of assessment.

Teaching Unique, Diverse Learners (UDL) is starting up on Feb. 13 and concluding the week of Mar. 13, 2023. It is part of the <u>Professional Development Plan for Non Full-time Faculty</u> and faulty who complete the course deliverables are eligible for a micro-credential. The course is an asynchronous course with an invitation to engage in conversation with the facilitator throughout. You can register for Teaching Unique Diverse Learners (UDL) on <u>MyPD</u>.

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Teaching & Learning Day Winter 2023

Seneca's Teaching & Learning Day Winter 2023 is on Monday, February 27, 2023 at Newnham Campus! It is a one-day conference dedicated to showcasing and sharing ideas and activities about how to enhance teaching and learning. The focus of Teaching & Learning Day Winter 2023 is on Educational Technology.

More details will be coming soon!

Register for this free conference in MyPD and join us on Feb. 27 (during Study Week) at Newnham Campus!



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