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CANVAS ZOOM CHATS

Zoom Series

These virtual chats are designed to create a space for discussing and answering questions about the specific mechanics of the Canvas online learning platform. These will all be offered twice on their respective dates. One is starting at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. You only need to register for a single time slot on each day.

[Register Here](#)

MASTERING THE ART OF CHUNKING

In online education, one of the most powerful tools at our disposal is the practice of "chunking" content. This simple yet profoundly effective technique involves breaking down course material into smaller, more manageable sections. ([See Mayers Multimedia Learning Principles](#))

Why is this important? Well, think about how we consume information online.

We navigate through articles, videos, and courses in bite-sized pieces. It is a natural way our brains process information in a digital environment.

Chunking content caters to this natural learning process and prevents cognitive overload. Students can better absorb and retain information when presented in manageable portions.

Here's how to implement chunking in courses:

- **Organize by Topics or Themes:** Divide content based on distinct topics or themes. Each chunk should focus on one specific idea or concept.
- **Use Clear Headings and Subheadings:** Clearly label each section with descriptive headings, which supplies a roadmap for students and aids in easy navigation.
- **Incorporate Visuals:** Supplement text with visuals like images, infographics, or diagrams. Visual aids help reinforce concepts and break up text.
- **Leverage Multimedia:** Integrate videos or audio clips that further explain or demonstrate critical points, providing a dynamic learning experience.
- **Encourage Interaction:** After each chunk, include discussion questions or activities encouraging students to engage with the material.

Remember, effective chunking enhances the learning experience, making it more engaging and digestible for students.

[Learn More](#)

ONLINE INSTRUCTOR CANVAS COMMUNITY

Online and hybrid instructors are encouraged to join ITLE's Online Instructor Tips and Tools Community to gain valuable insights into online teaching and access this week's module. This community offers a weekly release of tips and tools aimed at enhancing the quality of online courses, along with a platform for instructors to engage in discussions and share expertise on best practices in online instruction.

[Join Here](#)

EXAMITY - ONLINE TEST PROCTORING

Eximity is an important tool that is integrated into the Canvas LMS. If you need to use Eximity in online tests and quizzes you need to build these assessments in **Classic Quizzes**. With **Classic Quizzes** and **Assignments** it works well to catch suspicious activity during online tests. Unfortunately, at this time, Eximity does not work with **Canvas New Quizzes**, and there is no timeline for when this will be supported.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT CANVAS

We have many resources available for faculty to learn more about Canvas. Whether you are just starting here at OSU or are a seasoned pro, there is sure to be something to expand your Canvas knowledge!

CANVAS TIPS

NEED HELP WITH YOUR COURSE DESIGN?

As the semester progresses, remember that ITLE teaching support specialists are happy to assist. You can reach out to kdickey@okstate.edu or gina.morris@okstate.edu for assistance.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT TEACHING ONLINE?

Contact ITLE for assistance with your online teaching questions.

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