

# eLearning Technologies Faculty & Staff Professional Development Series Winter 2024

## REGISTRATION

<https://gvsu.edu/sprout>

Sign up on Sprout to receive your Zoom webinar meeting link and/or a room location. As a registered participant, you will also gain access to the webinar recording and any additional materials after the event.

## THE GVSU SERVICE PORTAL

<https://services.gvsu.edu>

Find answers to your Blackboard Ultra questions, as well as help using other Grand Valley technology tools.

## INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Email • [it@gvsu.edu](mailto:it@gvsu.edu)

Need individualized help with Blackboard, digital media, and instructional design considerations? Send email requests to [it@gvsu.edu](mailto:it@gvsu.edu). Please include your program, course title, number, and any course specific and/or technical questions so that we can direct your requests to the appropriate team member.

## BLACKBOARD ULTRA VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Join in Zoom • <https://t.ly/S6rhA>

All sessions are held on Zoom. Bring your questions about Blackboard Ultra.

1/4/24	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1/4/24	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
1/5/24	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
1/5/24	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## BLACKBOARD SPONSORED WEBINARS

<https://go.blackboard.com/Instructor-webinar-series>

A series of free, ongoing training webinars provided by Anthology, Blackboard's parent company.

## FOUNDATIONS OF ONLINE & HYBRID COURSE DEVELOPMENT

This self-paced workshop has been designed to meet the University requirement that all faculty teaching hybrid and online classes be personally certified and is updated with resources for Bb Ultra.

## GETTING STARTED WITH BLACKBOARD ULTRA

### Blackboard Ultra Self-Paced Training

*Every instructor has been enrolled in a "Blackboard Learn Ultra Self-Paced Training" course. Search under the "professional development term" at:*

<https://lms.gvsu.edu>

### Blackboard Ultra Base Navigation: An Overview

*Join us in Zoom to learn about Ultra Base Navigation, its components, and how to adjust settings and notifications.*

1/9/24                      12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

### Blackboard Ultra Essentials

1/3/24                      1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

1/4/24                      7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

## BLACKBOARD ULTRA SPECIAL TOPICS

### Gradebook

1/16/24                      3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### Assessments

1/17/24                      3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### Communication Tools

1/18/24                      2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

### Using Data in Learn Ultra

2/5/24                      12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

2/15/24                      12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

### Accessibility and Blackboard Ally: Creating Course Materials That Work for All

1/12/24                      1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

2/16/24                      11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Embracing AI as an Accessibility Tool

1/19/24                      11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## MEET YOUR ELEARNING TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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Our 15-member team comprises system analysts, digital media developers, instructional technology project specialists, lead instructional designers, and an information technology trainer.

## DIGITAL PEDAGOGY

### Essential Time Management Strategies for Online/Hybrid Instructors

Learn how you can leverage technology to save time, work smarter/not harder at grading, and respond to student questions more efficiently.

1/16/24 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM  
3/15/24 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

### Engaging a Digital Generation

In this webinar, we will explore changing student demographics, define what it means for students to be engaged in an increasingly digital world, and share examples and strategies for instructors to apply in their classrooms to keep students engaged.

1/9/24 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
2/6/24 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Behind the Virtual Curtain: Fostering Engaged Learning

Using a self-assessment tool, we will consider our strengths and weaknesses to find practical strategies that facilitate deep thinking, critical analysis, and sustained reflection.

2/1/24 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

### Serendipity and Liminality in Online Learning

What if we could build asynchronous online classes that offered the strengths of face-to-face or synchronous courses as well?

2/8/24 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Raising the Virtual Curtain: Cultivating Deeper Learning

By employing a self-assessment tool to evaluate strengths and identify opportunities, we will explore strategies to create a more connected and interactive virtual learning environment.

2/15/24 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

### Beyond the Curtain: Unveiling Online Teaching

Using a self-assessment to gain a deeper understanding of our online teaching we will discuss creating captivating and interactive learning opportunities.

2/29/24 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

### Alone at the Table Together: Hospitality, Community, and Online Education

This session provides a framework for improving online course quality by incorporating principles of hospitality—a concept not usually connected with online education.

2/20/24 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### 5 Steps for Course Design using Blackboard Ultra

This five-part series is offered via Zoom and scheduled once a month between 1 pm – 2 pm.

Step 1 • Foundational Items 1/23/24  
Step 2 • Assessments 2/6/24  
Step 3 • Activities 2/27/24  
Step 4 • Navigation 3/19/24  
Step 5 • Tech Check 4/16/24

## VIDEO, SCREEN CAPTURE, INTERACTIVE DIGITAL MEDIA

[https:// gvsu.edu/elearn/ds](https://gvsu.edu/elearn/ds)

Learn more about creating and managing video and digital media in these seminars.

### Zoom 101

Learn how to use Zoom to conduct synchronous class meetings and schedule virtual office hours.

1/10/24 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

### Hypothesis

A collaborative annotation tool for Bb Ultra

1/11/24 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

### Ultra Google Workshop

This workshop will provide faculty with several ideas for integrating Google applications within Blackboard.

1/18/24 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
2/15/24 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### Using Padlet to Engage Online Learners

1/19/24 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

### Introduction to Flip (formally Flipgrid) for Video-Based Discussions

1/10/24 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  
2/8/24 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

### Creating Instructor Presence: Panopto Functionality and Overview

1/17/24 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
3/13/24 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### Creating Instructor Presence: Panopto with Bb Ultra

This session covers advanced functions, including quizzing and creating video assignments.

1/17/24 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  
3/13/24 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

### Media Assessments: Transform Your Existing Assignments into Student-Created Video

3/18/24 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM