DESIGN FOR INCLUSION

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> Image from: Reducing Barriers to Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Introductions and Agenda

- Online learning designers:
 - Mikki Herbold
 - Hope Miller
 - Steven Bishop
- Presentation
- Brainstorm Activity
- #design4inclusion





How can we embrace diversity and increase our circle of inclusivity?

Brainstorm strategies to increase inclusivity in your educational sphere of influence

Begin designing for inclusivity



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Inclusion is a choice, not a technique

People have diverse abilities and multiple intelligences Barriers to learning exist for:

- Recent immigrants
- Visible minorities
- Aboriginal peoples
- People with disabilities
- Gender and sexual minorities
- Economic level
- Digital literacy

There are ways to reduce barriers, to design for inclusion



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Design expresses an intention

Accessibility 2024

Making B.C. the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by 2024

June 2015 One Year Progress Update







Math skills quiz (0% - self test) Test	UPCOMING	/23
Elevator Pitch (10%) Assignment	UPCOMING	/10
Term Project (30%) Assignment	UPCOMING	/100
Final Exam Test	May 16, 2016 12:43 PM GRADED	96.00 /119

ASSESSMENT DE	TAILS		
Item Name Aggregation	Final Exam Average of attempts		
Points Possible ATTEMPTS	119		
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Affordances vs. accommodations

Upfront design for inclusion saves time, energy and money in "renovating and retrofitting" the course, the classroom, the online environment, learning objects, lesson plans....

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Sequence of design

- 1. Establish the intention (anyone can do this...no barrier)
- Consider pedagogical and technical elements (involve designers, peer mentors, specialists, end users)
- 3. Build appropriate content (technical skill/ specialists needed)



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Themes

General Course Elements Multiple means of Representation

Multiple means of Engagement

Multiple Means of Expression

Sub-themes:

"Low-Hanging Fruit"

Accommodations

Plus-one solutions

Asynchronous solutions

Feedback and reflective practice

Technical solutions

- 1. Support services information
- 2. Comprehensive syllabus
- 3. Multiple contact means
- 4. Modal content variety (visual, graphic, verbal, auditory...)
- 5. Multiple ways of explaining
- 6. Content accessibility
- 7. Assignment activity examples
- 8. Varied instructional methods

- 9. Natural support systems
- 10.Alternative activities/assignments
- 11. Clear, specific feedback
- 12.Varied demonstration of knowledge
- 13.Assistive/adaptive technologies
- 14. Clear rubrics

Adapted from <u>14 Common Elements of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in the College Classroom</u> EnACT/ Merlot

Design for agreement (example)

Classroom agreements

Netiquette

- 4. It's okay to disagree with someone, but keep the discussion civil.
- 5. Be polite and respectful to fellow online participants by avoiding
 - a) obscene language or sexual conversation
 - b) all-caps type, which is perceived as shouting
 - c) repeating the same sentence continuously
 - d) "flaming" others with emotional or angry messages.
- 6. To communicate effectively in the online environment,
 - a) use smilies, or emoticons, to show tone of voice or emotion :)
 - b) use symbols such as asterisks (*) to emphasize words
 - c) use acronyms such as "brb" (be right back) or "afk" (away from keyboard).
- 7. Keep private comments private by using personal e-mail.

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Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

Benefits people with:

blindness and low vision deafness and hearing loss learning disabilities cognitive limitations limited movement speech disabilities photosensitivity combined disabilities

and makes Web content more usable to users in general

WCAG 2.0 Guidelines

Perceivable

Provide text alternative for non-text content

Provide alternatives for time-based media

Present content in different ways

Make content easier to see and hear

Operable

Make all functionality available from a keyboard

Provide users sufficient time to read and use content

Design non-seizure inducing content

Provide navigation, find, and orientation functions

WCAG 2.0 Guidelines

Understandable

Make text content readable and understandable

Make web pages appear and operate in predictable ways

Help users avoid and correct mistakes

Robust

Maximize compatibility with current and future user agents, including assistive technologies

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Practical actions

- Consider visual elements in handouts and media:
 - PPT handouts with readable charts and images [show good and bad example]
- Consider audio quality in recordings, webinars

Consider psychomotor realm (breaks, activities)

- 1. Class notes production
- 2. Electronic handouts ahead of class
- 3. Electronic textbook versions
- 4. Course outline statement welcoming diverse learners
- 5. Time for review in exam format

- Assess learning through various students evaluation formats
- 7. Audio or video recordings
- 8. Proactive teaching and learning
- 9. Creative and alternating learning activities
- 10.Reward engagement and participation

Adapted from <u>10 Tips for Implementing Universal Design for Learning</u> McGill University Office for Students with Disabilities

Examples

- Indigenization of curriculum (Brenna Gray, Tanya Joosteema, Dave Seaweed)
- <u>Best Practices in Online Content: Accessibility workshop</u> (Cynthia Ng/JIBC)
- Education Reboot project
- Sandra Polushin UDL workshop/Kwantlen
- Best Practices in Online Content: Accessibility
- UBC inclusion seminar

Resources

- LMS Accessibility details (e.g. <u>Blackboard</u> Learn)
- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0)
- BC Open Textbook Accessibility Toolkit

B.C. Open Textbook Accessibility Toolkit

4. Open National Property



Web accessibility wiki:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_accessibility

Design for Digital Inclusion website:

https://depts.washington.edu/ddi/index.html

Accessibility Toolkit

Organizing Content Images Tables Weblinks Multimedia Formulas Font size Colour Contrast

www.contrastchecker.com

Source: BC Open Textbook Accessibility Toolkit.



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