




## Instructional Resources

**Learning Design Services** provides pedagogical support for effective use of educational resources, tools and technologies.

-  **Drop-in Training:** Watch for events via our newsletter & Blackboard Learn landing page.
-  **Online and F2F Consults:** Book a Consult at [bit.ly/learningdesignconsult](https://bit.ly/learningdesignconsult).
-  **Drop-in Virtual Office Hours:** Visit [umassboston.zoom.us/my/learningdesignservices](https://umassboston.zoom.us/my/learningdesignservices).

Find our virtual office hours and more faculty resources on our Learning Design Services ([umb.edu/learning-design](https://umb.edu/learning-design)) website.



### Anthology Blackboard Learn

Blackboard Learn includes helpful tools for communication, content delivery, assessment, grading and more.

- [umb.umassonline.net](https://umb.umassonline.net)



### Accessible Course Content: Anthology Ally

Ally automatically identifies ADA accessibility issues with course content and helps remediate the content to improve access for all learners.

- [umb.edu/learning-design/accessibility](https://umb.edu/learning-design/accessibility)



### LinkedIn Learning

16,000+ videos on relevant topics, including MS Office, Blackboard Learn and Photoshop. Faculty can link directly to videos from within Blackboard Learn courses. Completion certificates can be displayed on a LinkedIn profile to enhance employability.

- [umb.edu/learning-design/tools/linkedinlearning](https://umb.edu/learning-design/tools/linkedinlearning)

## Teaching Toolbox



### Collaboration

- **Zoom** is a video conferencing tool for live classes. Poll students, conduct breakout room activities, share your screen or documents and links in chat.
- **Pronto** is a real-time text chat tool for desktop or mobile devices that features individual direct messages and group chats.
- **Google Workspace:** Collaborate with other Google Drive users using your UMass Boston account to access the full Google Suite of tools.
- **WordPress:** Create a website using WordPress with your UMass Boston account at [blogs.umb.edu](https://blogs.umb.edu).



### Engagement

- **VoiceThread** is a multimedia tool used for threaded audio discussions, narrating PowerPoints, ice-breaker activities, and individual and group assignments.
- **Echo360** is an Active Learning Platform that combines video, lecture capture, polling and course analytics at [umb.edu/learning-design/tools/echo360](https://umb.edu/learning-design/tools/echo360).
- **Perusall:** is an online social annotation platform that allows you to increase student engagement, collaboration, and community within your course.



### Assessment

- **SafeAssign & Turnitin** are plagiarism prevention tools that can be used in a Blackboard Learn course.
- **Respondus Lockdown Browser & Monitor** are two tools that increase the security of test delivery in Blackboard Learn.
- **Gradescope** makes it easier for instructors to quickly grade remote and paper-based assignments and gain additional insights into student learning.
- **Respondus 4.0** allows you to import text-based tests (Word, etc.) into Blackboard Learn.