

IDEas: New Year, New IDEas!



UWEX Instructional Design (ID) Team Strategies and News for Spring 2023



New Year, New Course

This semester, take advantage of the lively energy that often starts a new year and try something new in your course! In this issue, we unveil our new professional development courses called Level Up, which include numerous best practice examples in online teaching. You'll see how one faculty member revamped his course in our faculty spotlight. We also count down our most-read articles in 2022 just in case you missed them! We hope this issue inspires you to try something new in your course this year.

Happy new year!

-The UWEX ID Team

Featured: Advance Your Online Teaching Skills

This spring, we're leveling up! Put professional development on your list of resolutions and [learn about our new Level Up courses](#).

Faculty Spotlight: Mike Holly
Transform abstract concepts into practical experiences your students can use on the job, as [Prof. Mike Holly shows in this issue's spotlight](#).

2022: Year in Review

[Check out our three most-read articles from 2022](#) in case you missed them, and see what piqued so many people's interest. Plus we include an honorable mention for an article we think should have gotten more attention!

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If you have an idea for an article or would like to contribute to the next issue, let us know!

News from the Learning Technology Team and Media Services

Due to the closure at 780 Regent Street after damage from a broken water supply line, the media studio will be closed for in-person recording until further notice. Media Services looks forward to continued collaboration throughout the upcoming semester and will provide updates on the status of the studio as they become available.

Want More?

Additional Resources

Small Course Changes, Big EDI Impacts

Instructional Designer Kristine Pierick [details how she used the EDI reflection document](#) to work together with a faculty member to make his course more equitable, diverse, and inclusive.

Four Ways to Incorporate "Retrieval Practice" into Your Online Course

Take four minutes to review [four ways to help improve your students' memory](#) of what they've learned in your course.

More Online Teaching Strategies

Consider [adding a mid-course survey](#) this semester, and check out our tip sheets on [discussions](#), [incorporating practice activities](#), and [using the TiLT framework for assessments](#) as you consider new year's resolutions for your courses.

Answer our poll!

What might you resolve to include in your courses this year?

► Adding new media pieces

Select

Incorporating a new technology tool

Select

Developing new assessment and practice activities

Select

[Explore more resources from UW Extended Campus Instructional Design](#)