Learning Technologies & Tools Supported by CIT

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to select Individual Coaching or Group Trainings that you would like to Schedule

1. **ADA Compliance**

   1. Captioning Services
   2. ADA Compliance Training

2. **Assessment Tools**

   1. Class for Zoom
   2. EdPuzzle
   3. Inline Grading Tool (Plato Grade Center)
   4. Panopto
   5. Perusall
   6. Respondus Testing
   7. Respondus LockDown Browser/Monitor
   8. SafeAssign
   9. VoiceThread

3. **Communication Tools**

   1. Class for Zoom
   2. VoiceThread
   3. Zoom

4. **Content Creation**

   1. Audacity
   2. ChatGPT
   3. EdPuzzle
   4. Learning Objects
   5. Mashups (Flicker, Slideshare, Youtube)
   6. Panopto
   7. PowerPoint
   8. Prezi
   9. ScreenPal (Quick screen capture)
   10. VoiceThread
   11. Wacom Tablets
   12. Zoom

5. Mobile Learning

1. Blackboard Mobile Learn App
2. Access to cloud storage through Plato with these tools:
    a. DropBox
    b. Google Drive
    c. OneDrive – Microsoft 365

6. Remote Synchronous Learning

1. Class for Zoom
2. Zoom

7. Tutorials & Tutoring Services

1. Assist (Online Campus Resources)
2. InfoBase Learning Cloud (formerly Hoonuit)
3. ThinkingStorm – Free eTutoring

8. Video

1. Class for Zoom
2. CIT Streaming Services
3. Films On Demand
4. Panopto
5. ScreenPal
6. Zoom

9. Plato Tools

1. Advanced Grade Center Features
2. Announcements
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10. Other CIT Trainings

1. Web Camp
2. Plato Overview/Virtual Instructor Plato Training

More information on these tools can be found in the
Software and Resources course on your Plato course list.

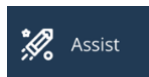# Learning Technology Descriptions

(Alphabetical List)

ADA Captioning Services

The CIT Accessibility Staff in collaboration with the Banacos Center will caption videos and assist with ADA Compliance in your Plato courses. Please contact Lynn Zayac for more information.

ADA Compliance Training

Please contact Lynn Zayac for more information regarding ADA Compliance Training for your Plato courses.

Blackboard Assist

Westfield State offers great resources! These range from sources to help with your studies, to campus activities and career development. To access links to many of these resources, log into PLATO and click 'Assist' on the left sidebar.

Audacity – Create Audio Lectures

Audacity is a free, easy-to-use, multi-track audio editor and recorder for Windows, Mac OS X, GNU/Linux and other operating systems. The interface is translated into many languages. You can use Audacity to record live audio or computer playback, convert tapes and records in to digital recordings or CDs, and also to edit, cut, copy, or mix MP3 sound files.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7BuceavV-Y

Blackboard Mobile Learn App

For more information about the Blackboard App go to:
https://help.blackboard.com/Blackboard_App

Download on your Apple device (works best in the safari browser on your iphone/ipad):
https://itunes.apple.com/app/blackboard-app/id950424861?mt=8

Download on your Andriod device:
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.blackboard.android.bbstudent&hl=en

Access to Cloud Storage on Plato with these tools

Dropbox **www.dropbox.com**

Dropbox is a free storage area in the cloud that can be used to store, share and upload documents to assignments, blogs, journals and discussions the Blackboard Mobile™ Learn application.

Google Drive

Google Drive is a free storage area that comes with a Google Account that can be used to store, share and upload documents to assignments, blogs, journals and discussions in the Blackboard Mobile™ Learn application.

OneDrive

OneDrive is a free storage area that comes with your WSU Microsoft 365 account in your WSU email. You can store, share and upload documents to assignments, blogs, journals and discussions in the Blackboard Mobile™ Learn application.

ChatGPT for Content Creation

ChatGPT is a chat-based interface that uses AI and machine learning (ML) to produce responses to prompts. Its AI answers your questions and performs text-based tasks. The model is trained on vast amounts of data — books, articles, websites, and other sources. It uses this data to analyze your input and produce an output. It continually learns and improves based on prompts and feedback from users.
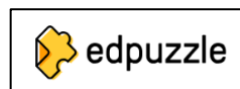
ChatGPT can be used to generate content for courses, course outlines, discussion prompts and questions, lecture scripts, lesson plans and more.

Class for Zoom

Typical video conferencing platforms lack the teaching and learning tools needed for effective online learning. Class is designed to meet the unique needs of instructors and learners in the virtual classroom.

Deliver an engaging and connected experience for learners. Increase engagement and improve retention of concepts with breakout rooms, live assessments, and more.

EdPuzzle.

Edpuzzle is an easy-to-use platform where you can make any video your lesson. Find video lessons created by other teachers, including formative assessment! Adapt that video by embedding your own questions or audio. Assign it to your students and get beautiful hassle-free analytics: see who watched the video, who didn't understand the lesson, and who did a good job.

Students can re-watch the video as many times as they need at their own pace, while you can easily check their progress from your account.

Films On Demand (through WSU library)

Films on Demand allows you to search and link directly to library videos in your Plato course. Learn how to link these great videos into Plato in a few simple steps.

Infobase Learning Cloud - Video Tutorials

Infobase Learning Cloud provides training on more than 250 commonly used software applications, such as Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite, and Google Docs, Infobase has a library of more than 60,000 how-to tutorials. Students can learn how to effectively participate in online discussions in their Plato classes (Blackboard Learn 9 Training), how to avoid plagiarism, how to write research papers in APA, MLA, or Chicago Style formats, and much more. For further information or assistance, contact the CIT at ext. 8130.

You and your students can access this great tool on your Plato dashboard, or you can assign specific trainings in your content areas, with InfoBase.

Inline Grading Tool integrated into Grade Center Assignments.

Box tools are integrated into the Plato Grade Center. You will find them when you are grading an "Assignment" that has been submitted in an "Assignment Drop Box, and has an attachment of a PDF, Word Doc, Excel Spreadsheet or any other Microsoft Office document. These tools allow you to comment directly on the submission or highlight text and add a comment to the highlighted area. Students will have access to your comments in their "My Grades" area.

Learning Objects – Interactive Resources Designed for you!

Learning Objects are instructional resources specifically designed to promote interactive learning. CIT has a learning object specialist who can create learning objects for faculty based on course needs.

Mashups - Add Great Content to your Course

Mashups (in Plato) allow instructors to add content to a course that is from Flickr Photo, SlideShare, and YouTube. This content can be used in a variety of ways within a course: a standalone piece of course content, part of a test question, a topic on a discussion board, or as part of an assignment. These tools are all Mashup options in Plato:

 Flickr Photo is an online photo management and sharing application. It can be easily accessed through PLATO, where you can find millions of photos to coincide with your course material.

 SlideShare allows users to easily upload and share presentations, infographics, documents, videos, PDFs, and webinars. With this mashup tool, instructors will be able to access and utilize premade presentations that can be used right in PLATO.

 YouTube is a video-sharing website. The YouTube mashup tool allows instructors to search for various videos that can be related to their course and use them in PLATO where the videos become easily accessible for both students and faculty. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9mahtJqLVA

 Video Capture and Creation

Panopto is the easiest way to capture information in a video, share it securely, and manage a growing library of searchable video-based knowledge assets — in one single platform. Panopto allows you to upload, capture and create videos and presentations, securely share videos, and measure viewer engagement.

Perusall is a social reading/annotation platform available to students and integrated into PLATO/BlackBoard. It allows students (and teaching staff) to digitally annotate readings (with text, links, and embedded content). Add Articles, Websites, Images, You Tube or other videos.

Perusall helps master readings through allowing students to collaboratively annotate the reading. Research shows that by annotating thoughtfully, they will learn more and get better grades.

 PowerPoint

PowerPoint gives you everything you need to produce a professional-looking presentation. PowerPoint offers word processing, outlining, drawing, graphing, and presentation management tools- all designed to be easy to use and learn.

 Prezi

Prezi is a web based presentation tool that can be used as an alternative to traditional slide making programs such as PowerPoint. Instead of slides, **Prezi** makes use of one large canvas that allows you to pan and zoom to various parts of the canvas and emphasize the ideas presented there.

 Create/Upload Exams to Plato (Testing).

Respondus is a powerful tool for creating and managing exams that can be printed to paper or published directly to PLATO. Exams can be created offline using a familiar Windows environment, or moved from one LMS to another. Whether you are a veteran of online testing or relatively new to it, Respondus will save you hours on each project.
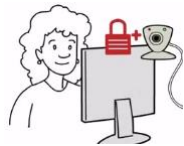
Lockdown Browser/Monitor Secure Testing.

https://www.respondus.com/products/respondus/demos.shtmlRespondus LockDown Browser/

Respondus LockDown Browser is a custom browser that locks down the testing environment within PLATO. When students use Respondus LockDown Browser, they are unable to print, copy, go to another URL, or access other applications. When an assessment is started, students are locked into the Respondus Browser until they submit the assessment for grading. https://www.respondus.com/products/monitor/movie-monitor.shtml

Respondus Monitor is a companion application that integrates webcam technology with LockDown Browser. Together they address the issues of student identity and cheating during online testing, creating security for non-proctored assessments. https://www.respondus.com/products/lockdown-browser/demos.shtml

SafeAssign Helps to Prevent Plagiarism

SafeAssign compares submitted assignments against a set of academic papers to identify areas of overlap between the submitted assignment and existing works. SafeAssign is used to prevent plagiarism and create opportunities to help students identify how to properly attribute sources.

Create quick screen capture videos

ScreenPal is a simple program that enables faculty to quickly record and easily post short lectures and tutorials. Recordings can be used online to supplement your classes. Contact Lisa at ext. 8249 or lclark@westfield.ma.edu to schedule training.

Starfish Retention - Track Student Progress.

WSU360 (Starfish Retention Center) gives faculty a convenient way to track students and provide progress reports/early alerts on students who may be struggling in their classes. Professor feedback sends an alert to the student as well WSU's Academic Support Team. WSU 360 also gives students an easy way to connect with faculty, advisors, and student support staff. If you have questions, please contact Nicole West (x8191) or Maureen McCartney (x8801).

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Streaming Services by CIT

CIT Streaming Services allows you to post web links to videos in your Plato course. The CIT offers streaming services for videos that you would like your students to view in your Plato Online courses. Stop into the CIT, Call x 8130, or email vdepina@westfield.ma.edu to ask Valerie about our CIT Video Streaming Services!

ThinkingStorm - FREE Online Tutoring

ThinkingStorm - CIT has recently partnered with ThinkingStorm to provide FREE Online Tutoring for WSU students who are currently enrolled in a course using Plato. Basic subjects (Math, Liberal Arts) are available 24/7 and scheduled times are posted for many subjects, including (but not limited to) Writing, Accounting, Chemistry, Biology, and Nursing. You will find the link to ThinkingStorm in the Help Desk & Resources content area on the left sidebar in all Plato classes. Students can choose from the Writing Center, Drop-In Tutoring, Scheduled Tutoring or Offline Questions. Smarthinking's Writing Center will help generate ideas for writing assignments, as well as critiquing drafts of papers. Tutoring sessions are archived and may be reviewed at a later time. Click the 'Free Tutoring Online' link on the Plato login page, and select faculty Handbook for more ideas on using this great resource! For questions or help with this tool please contact Valerie at vdepina@westfield.ma.edu.

VoiceThread - Create Interactive Presentations where Students can leave Video, Audio and Text comments.

VoiceThread allows users to post or upload different types of media (documents, slide presentations, videos or photos) either from a website or from the user's computer. Comments can be added and the author can share by sending the link or by embedding into an existing website. Viewers then add their own comments. These groups conversations are collected in one place and do not require users to install any software.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlpyJthISTQ

Wacom Tablets - Add Hand Written Comments, Drawings or Diagrams to Student Work and Create Tutorials.

Wacom Tablets allow you to sketch, doodle, paint, edit photos and design personal invitations or greeting cards – all on your computer, just as naturally as you would do with a pen or brush on paper. The tablets also allow you to scroll, zoom, or flip through photos of your creations, easily and intuitively.

ZOOM **Virtual Office/Meeting Space.**

Zoom is a communications platform that allows users to connect with video, audio, phone, and chat. Using Zoom requires an internet connection and a supported device.

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Web Camp

Would you like to migrate your face-to-face course to the online or hybrid format? Talk to your Department Chair and let them know you are interested in applying for Web Camp. For more information on how to apply call or email Lynn Zayac at x 8142 or lzayac@westfield.ma.edu.

Virtual Instructor Plato Training

If you have not used Plato, and would like to add an online component to your face-to-face classes, email Lisa Clark at lclark@westfield.ma.edu for this quick training. This overview will give you a jump start with the Plato tools, and show you how to post your course materials online for students.