



# Academic Technology

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DIGITAL TEACHING AND LEARNING  
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT  
& INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN PROGRAM



The Academic Technology department in conjunction with the Academic Affairs Office is pleased to announce course redesign stipends. We are accepting proposals for 10 stipends to fund the design or redesign of a course. The successful applicants will commit to a process that will review the current course and work with the instructional designers to implement the changes as agreed upon. Find out more information and how to apply [here](#).



**Blackboard Ultra is coming in Fall 2024** – a much more user-friendly and mobile-friendly version of Blackboard. Ultra has a modern design and simplified workflows to make it easier for you to teach and engage your students.

**Do you want to get a jump start on the move to Ultra?** We have approximately 75 faculty using Ultra with over 130 courses this semester! Complete the [form to request](#) the AT team to convert your courses for the upcoming semester. We will do the conversion and clean up for you to review! Join **the AT staff in Founders 7 every Tuesday from 3-4 for open Ultra hours**. We are here to introduce you to Ultra, answer questions, or assist with transferring your course to Ultra.



As the semester races to an end, I encourage you to take advantage of the last of our Fall events. Thinking about Ultra, pop into our Tuesday Ultra lab time to get assistance or find out more information. Going up for pre-tenure next year? Find out how to prepare on Wednesday, November 8th. Close out our fall events by joining your colleagues for donuts on November 9th. Browse the [session descriptions](#) and [register](#) now!

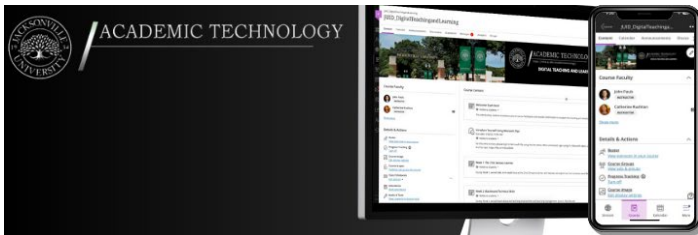
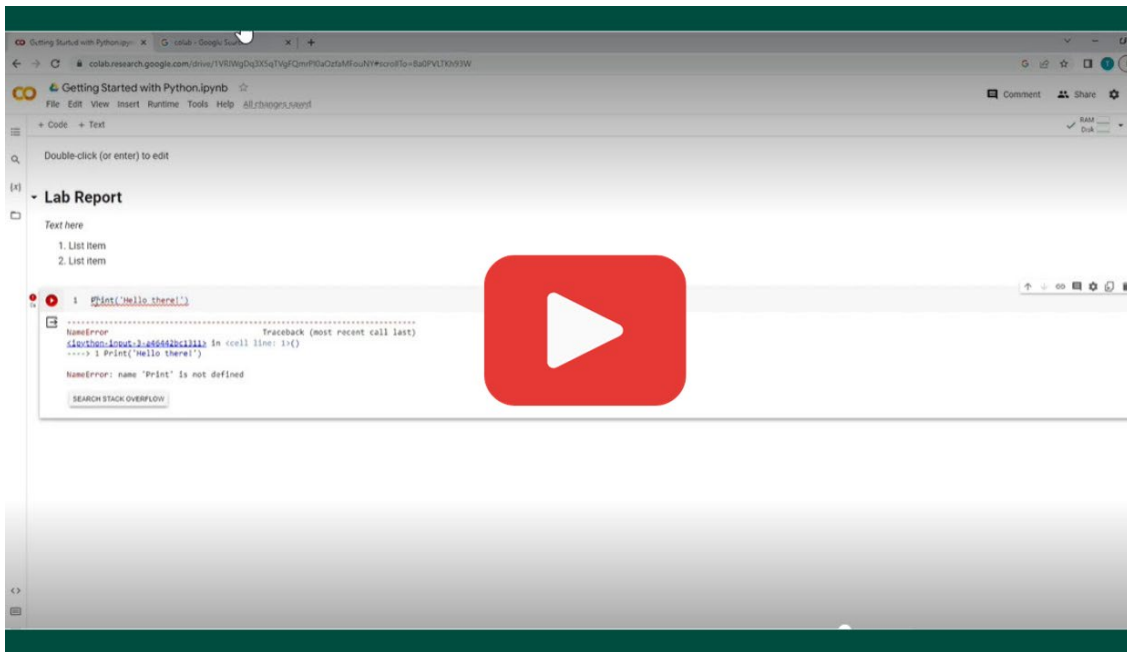
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Are your students struggling to grasp key processes and procedures? Bring concepts to life by creating step-by-step process videos. Our video production studio makes it easy to film short tutorials showing your students how to do things like solve math problems, conduct experiments, use software tools, and more. Process videos increase comprehension and retention by providing an engaging visual walkthrough. Studies show that students prefer learning through dynamic videos versus static text. Tap into visual learning preferences with videos that reinforce written and in-class instructions. [Contact](#) our video team to brainstorm ideas for effective process videos. Play the Getting Started with Python example below.

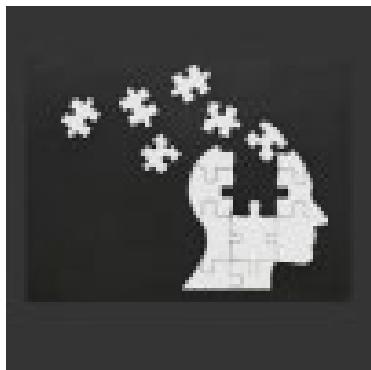
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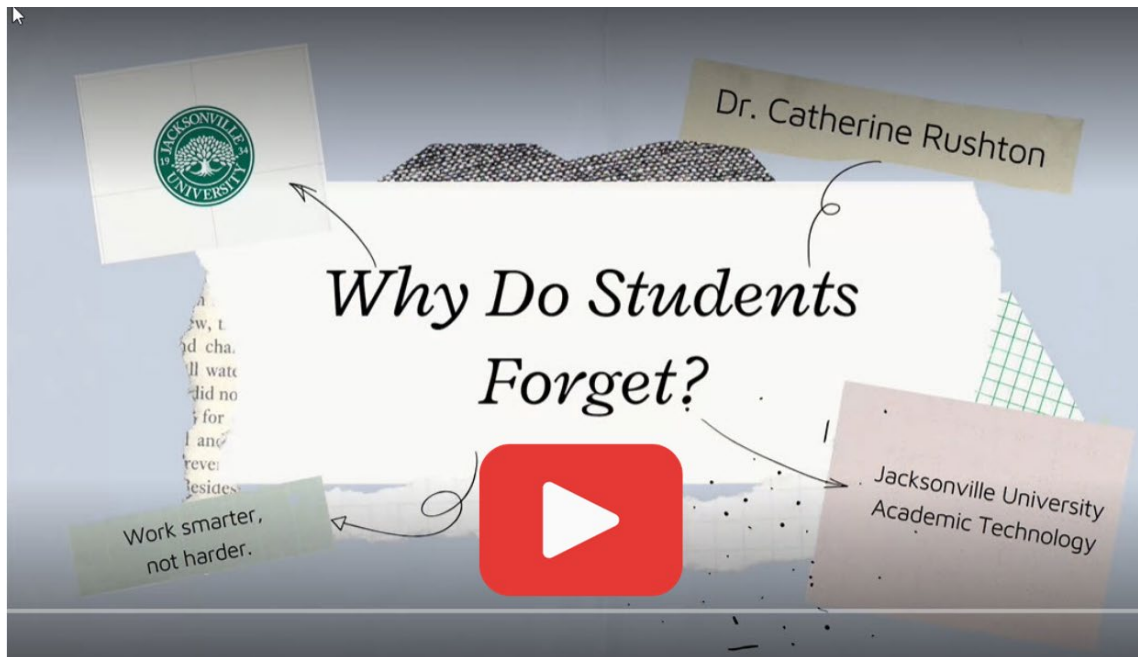
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### **Blackboard Ultra Tip**

It takes a village to help learners be successful. The new Flexible Grading experience, now available in Blackboard Learn Ultra provides instructors with the flexibility to grade in their preferred style. Discover how this latest innovation helps you focus less on grading mechanics and more on your classes and learners [here](#).



Explore strategies for students to more efficiently retain and retrieve information by forging robust neural pathways, promoting critical thinking and problem-solving. Discover ways to optimize the optimal timing of reviews and study sessions, alongside other techniques – from peer-to-peer explanations to concept mapping – designed to fortify memory and comprehension. Elevate your teaching with these top strategies for retention and recall, embracing spaced repetition, chunking, scaffolding, concept mapping, and the transformative power of active learning. Work smarter, not harder, by integrating these strategies into your classroom for enhanced student learning. Read more about [Harnessing Student Memory](#) or watch the video below.



**Do your students need  
help with technology  
in the classroom?**

**Digital Literacy  
Lab**

**Swisher Library  
3rd Floor, Next to Room 328  
Lab Hours: 8:30 - 5:00 M-F**

**Drop in or make an apt in Starfish**

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