



# Academic Technology

## JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY



### Blackboard Ultra is Coming This Fall 2024 - Get Prepared Now

Blackboard's Ultra experience will be fully implemented at our institution in Fall 2024. To ensure you're ready for this transition, we've created a comprehensive resource hub at <https://juacademictechnology.com/blackboardultra.html>.

#### This one-stop Ultra webpage provides multiple ways to get up to speed:

- Self-Paced Guide: Walk through Ultra's core features at your own pace
  - One-on-One Sessions: Book individual meetings with our instructional design team
  - Digital Guides: Review downloadable PDFs covering Ultra basics
  - Video Tutorials: Watch short videos explaining Ultra's capabilities
- New resources are being added regularly, so bookmark this page!

#### Ultra Training Opportunities in April

To supplement the online resources, we're also offering a full slate of live, hands-on Ultra trainings throughout April. Review the [available sessions](#) and mark your calendars! Registration links will be available later this week.

#### Learn Teaching Essentials for Ultra Course

The Learn Teaching Essentials for Ultra Course is a **SELF-PACED** online course designed for faculty who will be building courses. It is designed to get you comfortable navigating the Ultra site and start building content, creating assessments, and working with discussions in the

Blackboard Learn Ultra course view. In addition to the About This Course section, there are five modules in this course that contain lessons and quizzes.

- Getting Started with Ultra
- Building Courses
- Assessing Learners
- Enhancing Communication
- Evaluating Your Course

You will be asked to create an account and will have 180 days to complete this course from the date of enrollment.

For the free and easily accessible Learn Teaching Essentials for Ultra Course, provide your faculty and staff the link below:

Follow these instructions to access the course:

1. [Navigate to the Anthology Academy page here.](#)
2. In the left hand search bar, type in Learn Teaching Essentials.
3. Click on the course and Enroll.
4. Click Sign Up and create your account. The course is free but does require you to create a user profile.
5. Once you sign up you will have 180 days to take the course.

Whether exploring the webpage independently, signing up for an April training, or going through the Learn Teaching Essentials course, take advantage of these opportunities to ensure a smooth transition to Blackboard Ultra this Fall.



### **From Passive to Active**

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, the quest for effective learning methodologies continues to drive innovation and exploration. Active learning transforms student engagement by actively involving students in the learning process. It reduces cognitive load, aiding in the seamless transition of information from short-term to long-term memory. Furthermore, active learning strategies have demonstrated enhanced retention and retrieval of information stored in long-term memory, contributing to more enduring and robust learning outcomes. Learn more about moving your teaching from Passive to Active in the video below:



### **Immersive Learning**

Have you ever felt completely absorbed in what you were learning, as if you were living and breathing the material rather than just reading it from a textbook? That sense of being fully engaged and present is the essence of immersive learning.

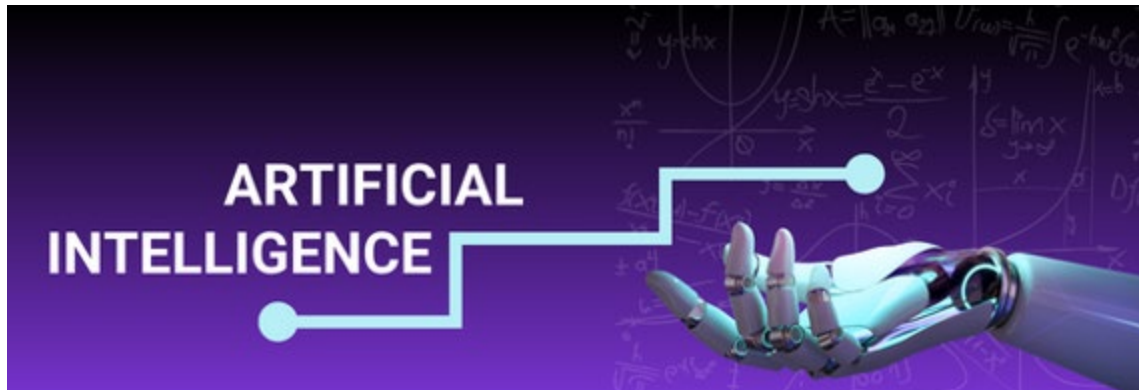
Immersive learning takes education to a whole new level by creating environments that replicate real-world situations and scenarios. Through cutting-edge technologies like virtual reality, augmented reality, and highly interactive simulations, the barriers between education and real-life disappear. Students don't just study concepts—they live them in ways that make lessons unforgettable.

With immersive learning, the possibilities for experiential education are limited only by our creativity and willingness to reimagine how knowledge is absorbed. In this video, we'll dive into the world of immersive learning with Dr. Amber Santos.



# Amber Santos

## "Immersive Learning"



We encourage you to check out the "[An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence](#)" module. This self-paced online module provides a comprehensive overview of AI concepts, applications, and the latest developments in this rapidly evolving field.

The module features interactive elements, knowledge checks, case studies, and a variety of multimedia resources to reinforce the content. By completing it, you'll gain a solid grasp of AI fundamentals to enhance your understanding of this transformative technology.

Whether you're looking to build your AI literacy, assess how AI could impact your discipline, or simply satisfy your curiosity about this fascinating topic, we highly recommend exploring this introduction to AI module.

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### **Be Prepared for the Unexpected with Standalone Videos**

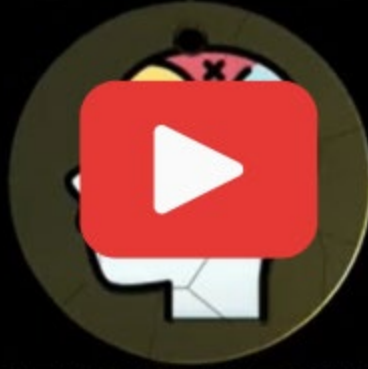
Emergencies and unforeseen events are bound to occur, potentially disrupting your planned instruction. However, having pre-recorded standalone videos can help minimize any lost learning when circumstances require your absence.

These videos serve as a powerful tool to keep students on track, whether you need to miss a class session or specific students are absent for an important lecture, lab, or activity critical to their comprehension.

For example, check out this standalone video below created by Dr. Meghan Owenz to cover a missed Research Methods in Psychology lab. By providing this resource, Dr. Owenz ensured her students didn't fall behind while absent.

If you have any lectures, labs, demos or other course components that are essential for student understanding, consider working with our Video Production Studio. Our team can help you produce high-quality standalone videos to supplement your courses.

# PSYC 201



## INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY



### **Weekly Ultra Sessions**

Don't miss these opportunities to get up to speed on Ultra before courses transition for Fall 2024. A mixture of face-to-face, virtual, and hands-on workshops are available, and [individual appointments](#) with the ID team. With Blackboard's regular Ultra lab hours on Tuesdays and this comprehensive schedule, you'll be well-equipped to create engaging, AI-enhanced courses in Ultra.

### **Reignite Your Curiosity**

Recapture your sense of wonder and explore how play-based discovery can inspire engaging teaching approaches at our "Pedagogy of Play" workshop on March 20th. Then learn how to harness AI's potential to create dynamic learning experiences at the "AI Infused Learning" session on March 26th.

[Review full details](#) on these sessions. You will receive a calendar invite after [registering for sessions](#). We hope you can make time to attend and engage with these activities and look forward to seeing many of you there!

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