Subject: Looking for resources to improve your remote delivery courses?

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Good Afternoon, Colleagues –

Below please find the next installment of MTSU Online's weekly resources, tools, and tips for distance education. Remember that MTSU Online continues to support the great work unfolding in your programs and departments, so be sure to let us know if you have specific needs, questions, etc.

As a quick FYI – MTSU's Remote Instruction Standards (RIS) course is now available via self-registration in D2L! You can access self-registration on your D2L home page (see below)

This week's e-mail is designed around a very important element of distance education – assessment.

Essays and written responses on exams are excellent methods for assessing student analysis, application, and evaluation. But these also take time to grade effectively, and students are likely writing essays for almost every course. If feasible, why not try something different? Today's students thrive when they can effectively connect course materials to real world experiences (whether remote, online, or in-person), a future career, or the greater development of self. So why not ask students to create an infographic?

As visual representations that favor images over lengthy text, and commonly used in academia and in the world of work, infographics require students to analyze, evaluate, and create knowledge in a concise manner. They could involve a visual representation of trends or concepts; something different like a step-by-step instructional guide; a great way to compare and contrast theories, policies, regulations, system types, etc.; or as an educational handout to accompany a presentation.

Information on Infographics:
9 Awesome Infographic Design Examples (Plus Tips to Create Your Own)

[What is an Infographic? Examples, Templates & Design Tips](#)

Common Sources for Creation
[Piktochart Infographics](#)
[Canva Free Infographic Maker](#)
[Adobe Spark Infographics](#)
[Venngage Infographics](#)

Are you looking for a rubric to assess an infographic easily with specific criteria? Ask our Instructional Designers! They have samples or you can visit [iRubric](#) and search for free rubric examples in this useful Open Education Resource (OER). Once you determine your criteria, create that rubric in D2L and you can assess, provide valuable feedback, and link to grades right away.

If you have questions or need assistance in your courses, please reach out to us. See below for a list of upcoming instructional design drop-in sessions with Kim and Tara.

Finally, please feel free to contact me or Cindy Adams (Cindy.Adams@mtsu.edu) anytime, and be on the lookout for future messages including other useful information. Have a great week!

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Upcoming MTSU Online Instructional Designer Zoom Drop-ins:

Instructional Design Faculty Drop-Ins with Kim Godwin

      Wednesday, June 3, 9:00 AM
      Monday, June 15, 2:00 PM
      Wednesday, June 17, 9:00 AM
      Monday, June 29, 2:00 PM
      Wednesday, July 1, 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting: https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/8680531679

Instructional Design Faculty Drop-Ins with Tara Perrin

      Tuesday, Jun 9, 9:00 AM
      Thursday, Jun 11, 2:00 PM
      Tuesday, Jun 23, 9:00 AM
      Thursday, Jun 25, 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/2115420004