## Active Learning, Proactive Teaching, Deep and Flexible Knowing



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## Anticipation Guide

Directions: Agree or Disagree or Edit?

- 1. Anyone can teach.
- 2. Active, or deep learning in students is fostered by note taking and discussions with fellow students.
- Technology allows teachers to teach more powerfully, more efficiently, and with less effort.

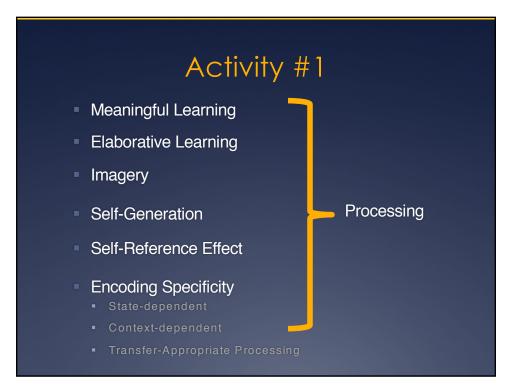
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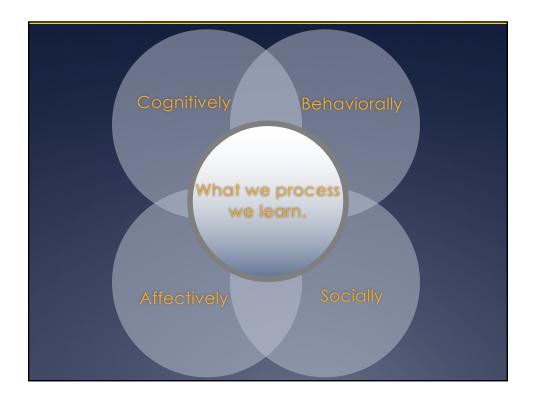
## Overview

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Essentials of Learning
- 3. Course Embedded Assessment
- 4. Instructional Strategies
- 5. Developing Innovative Strategies
- 6. Course Design/Redesign (if time allows)
- 7. Conclusior









## 6 Principles for Developing Deep & Flexible Knowledge

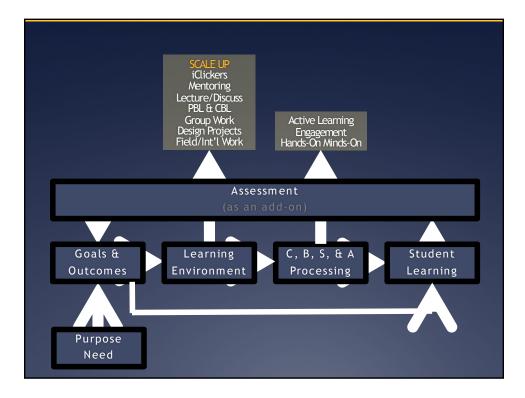
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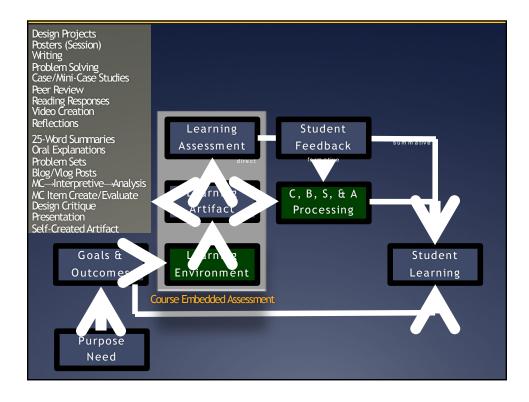
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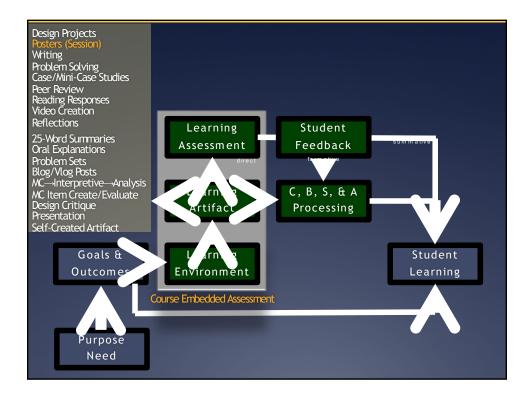
## Learning and Assessment

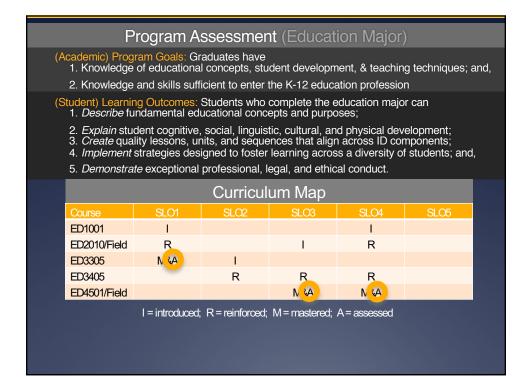


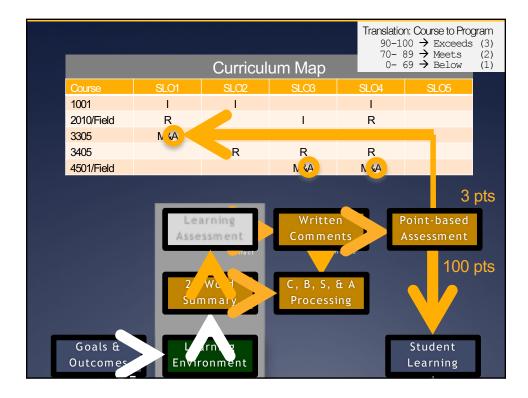
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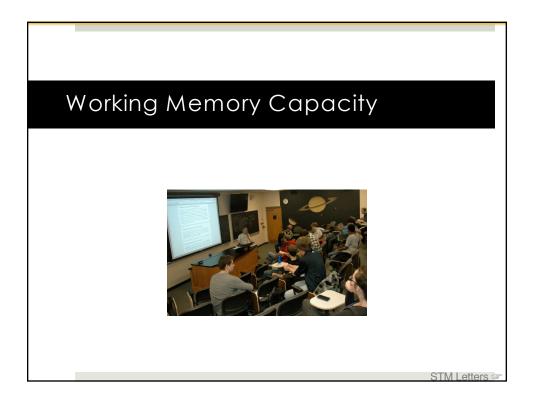


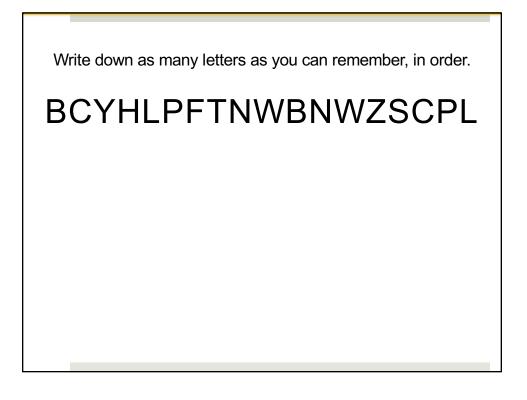


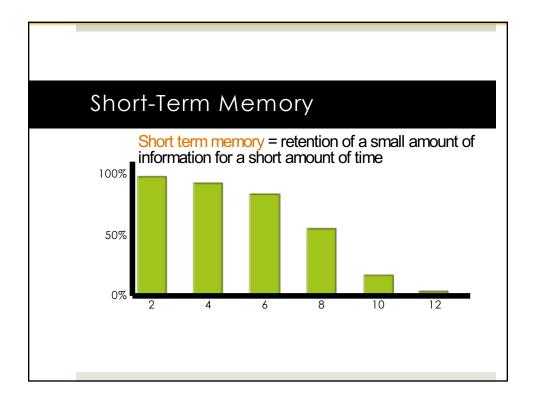


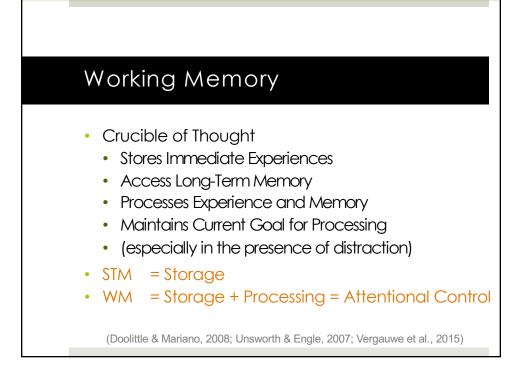


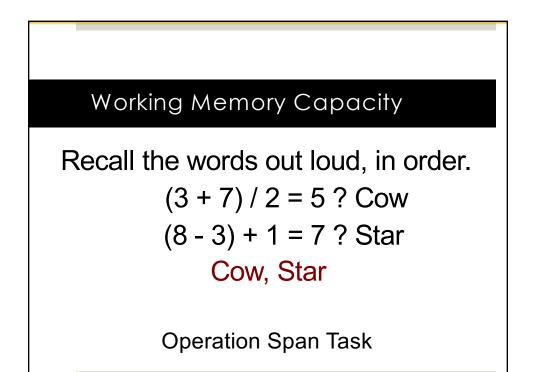


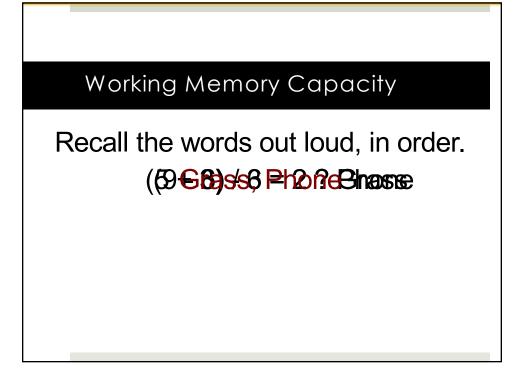


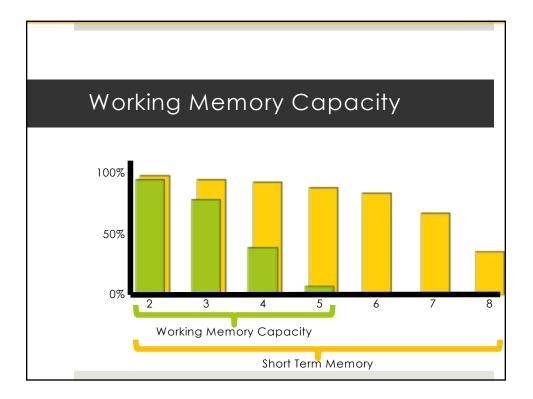










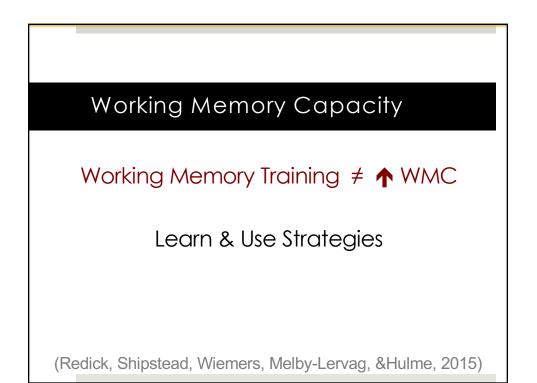


## Working Memory Capacity

Positive impacts (**↑**WMC) include:

- Fluid Intelligence/Fluid Reasoning
- LTM Activation
- Attentional Control
- Reading/Language Comprehension
- Reasoning
- Storytelling
- Complex Cognition

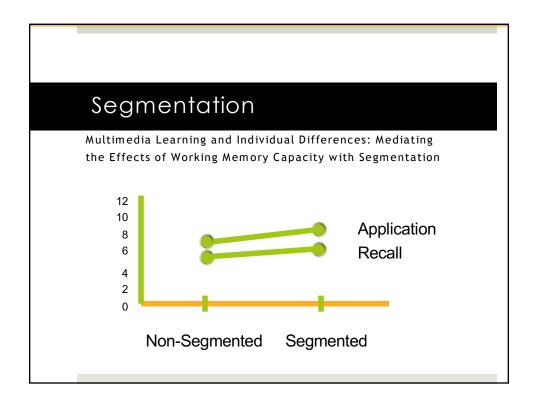
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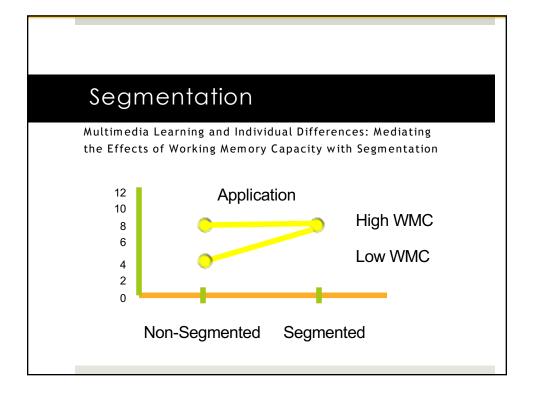


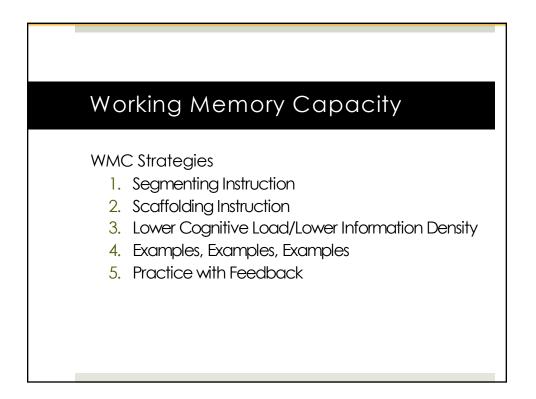
## Segmentation

Multimedia Learning and Individual Differences: Mediating the Effects of Working Memory Capacity with Segmentation

Authors:	Lusk, D., Evans, A., Jeffery, T. Palmer, K. Wikstrom, C., & Doolittle, P. (2009)
Design:	11 min multimedia tutorial
Topic:	Historical Inquiry
Variables:	Segmentation Low/High Working Memory Capacity
Publication:	British Journal of Educational Technology, 40(4), 636-651



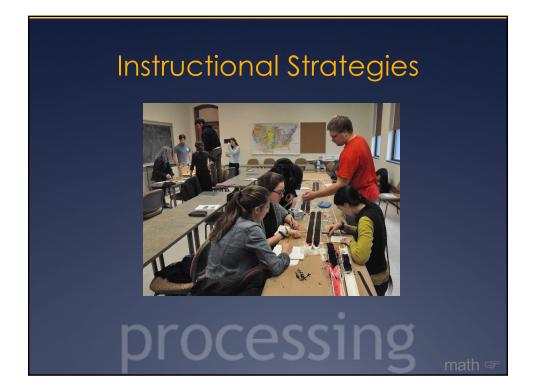




## Working Memory Capacity

Students with lower WMC struggle in environments that require attentional control and heavy working memory load.





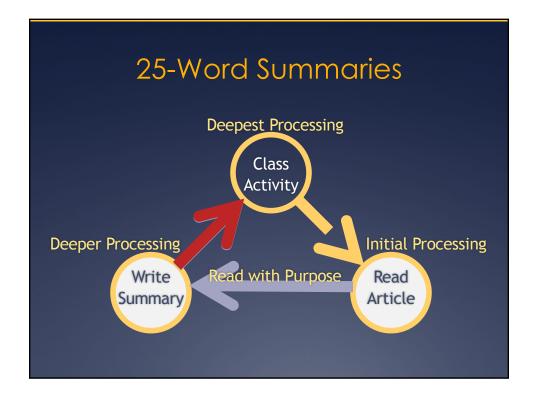
## 25-Word Summaries

Learning Environment: Students create a 25-word statement addressing the essential ideas, focusing on explaining and integrating ideas, not listing topics.

Learning Artifact Processing: Students read a chapter or article and extract, organize, summarize, and integrate the reading's essential ideas into a clear and concise statement.

Learning Assessment: Summaries are assessed using a scoring guide focused on structural format, clarity of thought and expression, and delineation of core

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Viable cognitive structures (knowledge) build upon experiences in a regular and consistent experiential world where individuals fit interpretations of realities to their unique knowledge constructions. [25]

The summary does a nice job of providing insight into essential elements within a fairly complex chapter. The emphasis on viable cognitive structures is certainly a main point for von Glasersfeld, however, the idea that these structures are the result of interpreting experiences "in a regular and consistent experiential world," misses one important aspect of radical constructivism. In radical constructivism "regular and consistent" is not an artifact of the exponential world itself, but rather is a construct of an individual's interpretation of an experiential world. The world around us appears to be regular and consistent, but that's because that is how we as individuals construct it.

In addition the phrase "where individuals fit interpretations of realities into their unique knowledge constructions" is a bit unclear. The idea that our viable knowledge constructions "fit" our experiential world is central to von Glasersfeld's radical constructivism, thus the idea is certainly essential. How might this part of the summary be clarified?

## 25-Word Summaries

Each 25-word summary is worth 50 pts and is graded using the following criteria:

- 1. Structural Format10 pts
- 2. Clarity of Thought and Expression 15 pts
- 3. Delineation of Core Messages 25 pts

plus Feedback:



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## **Oral Explanations**

Learning Environment: Students create clear and coherently organized 10-15 minute videos that reflect the student's understanding of the current topic under discussion, plus an application to their lives.

Learning Artifact Processing: Students analyze and interpret readings, notes, and discussions; organize concepts and ideas; apply to a life issue; create an oral explanation.

Learning Assessment: Video are assessed using a scoring guide focused on organization, clarity of thought and



Oral Explanations					
Each Oral Explanation is worth 100 pts and will be graded using the following criteria:					
1. Organization	20 pts				
2. Clarity of Thought and Expression	20 pts				
3. Essential Content Explanation	30 pts				
4. Essential Content Application	30 pts				

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## **Poster Sessions**

Learning Environment: Student groups produce conference-style posters and present the posters in a poster session (s, f, a).

Learning Artifact Processing: Students select, research, organize, summarize, and communicate specific energy content in a poster format.

Learning Assessment: Group posters are assessed using rubrics by peers, faculty, administrators, and course instructor.



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Group Number, Energy sour	De:		20 points	
Criteria Organization (3)	Well Organized.	2 Well organized.	1 Poorty	Random
Organization (J)	followed instructions	did not follow instructions	organized, did not follow instructions	Random
Readability, Neatness (2)		Easy to read and understand, Good curb appeal	Adequate	Did not use template provided
Cradie to Grave concept and content (9) Resources needed, Environmental impacts, Advantages/class/vantages	Covered all aspects, well thought out and described	Covered most aspects, fairly well thought out and described	Covered some aspects, poorly thought out and described	Start over
Net energy (2)		Concept and discussion included, relevant	Minimal discussion	No discussion
Figures and Tables (2)		Clear, incorporated in discussions, integrated	Adequate	Lacking
References (2)		Well used	Some used	None used

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What are some of your favorite instructional strategies?

How does your strategy align with the 6 principles?

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## Multitasking: The Myth

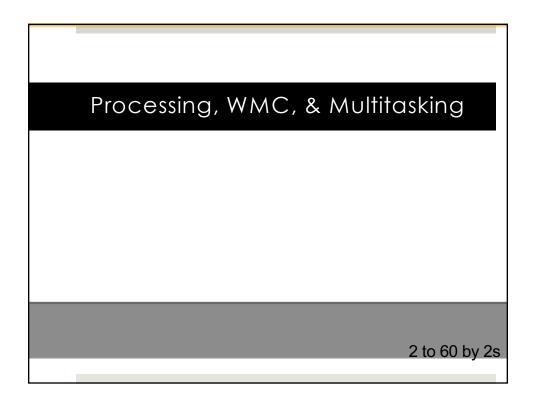
- Tapscott, 1998
  - multitasking
- Frand, 2000
  - "multitasking way of life"
- Prensky , 2001
  - "digital natives accustomed to the twitch-speed, multitasking "

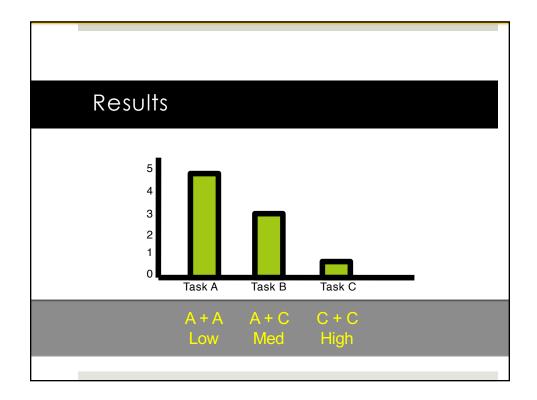
Watson, C. E., Terry, K.,& Doolittle, P. (2012). Please read while texting and driving. In J. Groccia (Ed.), *To improve the academy* (vol. 31) (pp. 295-310). Bolton, MA: Anchor.

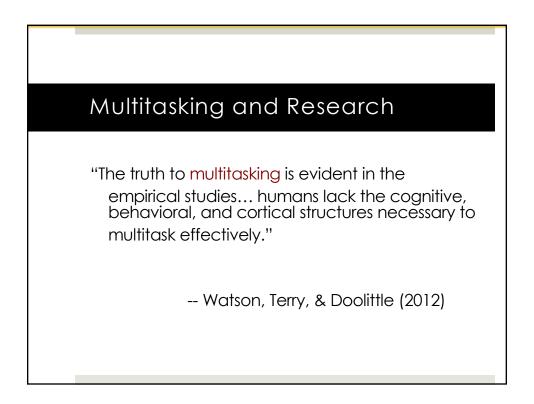


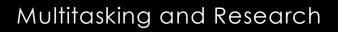
"The greater the number of objects to which our consciousness is simultaneously extended, the smaller is the intensity with which it is able to consider each."

Hamilton, Mansel, & Veitch (1861



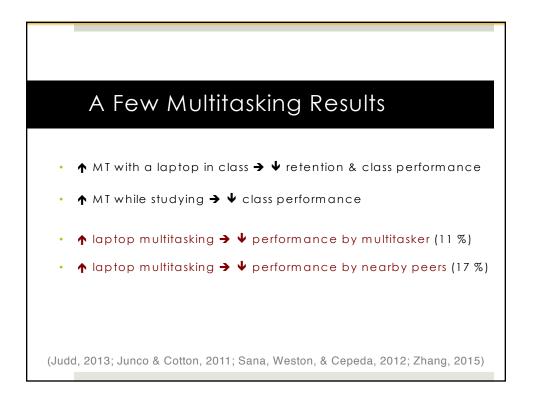


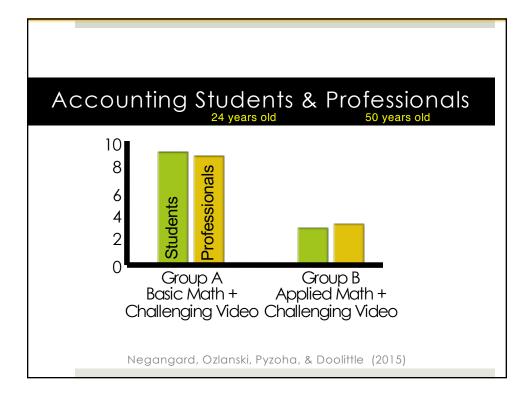


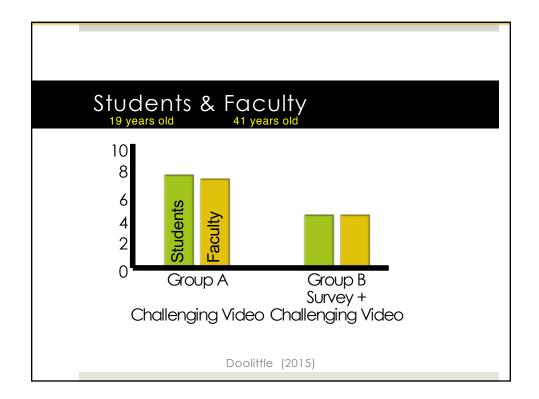


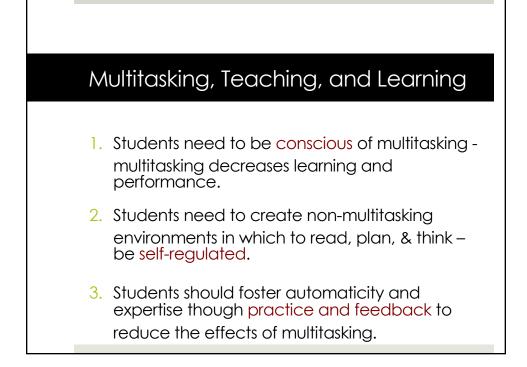
"fMRI technology found that multitasking is not actually a concurrent process, but a sequential one that involves task-switching."

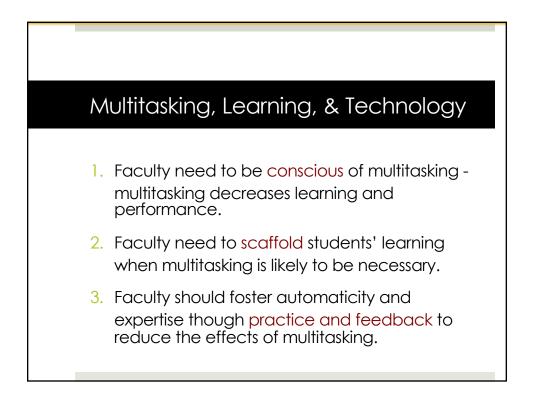
-- Charron & Koechlin (2010)













## What Do We Mean by Innovation?

- Create new & implemented & positive change
- Create new & value
- New ideas & implementation

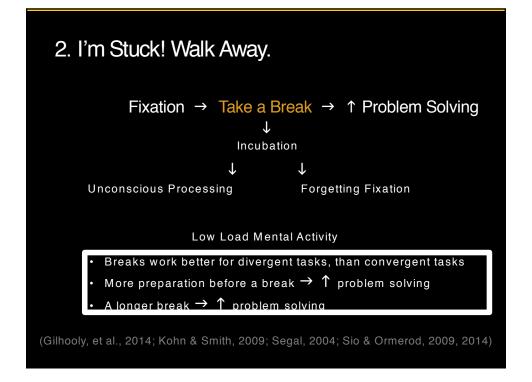
## What Do We Mean by Innovation?

Three Attributes of Innovation

Create New  $\rightarrow$  Implement  $\rightarrow$  Positive Outcome



1. Solve a Problem		
What's You	ur Problem?	
Constructivism	n and Education	
How do I get students to <i>read</i> ?	1999 MC Quizzes	
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	2001 na 2002 1-Page Papers	
	2003 1-Page Papers	
	2004  1-Page Papers 2005  na	
	2006 MC Quizzes	
	2007 MC Quizzes	
		problem



2. I'm Stuck! Walk Away.					
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	2006 MC Quizzes				
	2007 MC Quizzes				
How do I get students to <i>think</i> ?	2012 25-Word Summaries				
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	2014 25-Word Summaries 2015 25-Word Summaries				

## 3. Build On Others

Edison didn't "invent" the light bulb. He made it better.



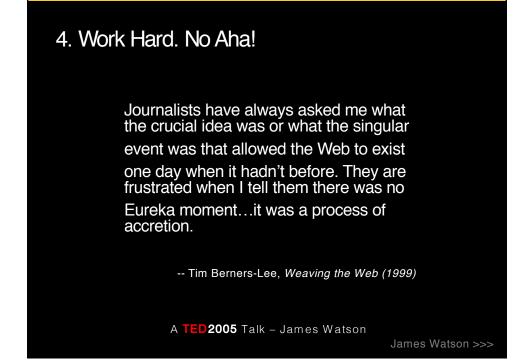


Grove 1840



Edison 1880s







### 5. Don't Wait. Do it.

- Doolittle's guidelines for constructing a summary
  - 1. Look for and write all the main points.
  - 2. Write main points as sentences or phrases, not terms.
  - 3. Review and add/subtract main points as needed.
  - 4. Combine similar main points to shorten the list without losing meaning.
  - 5. Organize main points around similar concepts.
  - 6. Write your summary from this organization and list.

## 5. Don't Wait. Do it.

- Students' guidelines for constructing a summary
  - 1. Provide time to read, annotate, write, and rewrite
  - 2. Provide time between reading/annotating and writing
  - 3. Develop a strategy for annotating (notetaking)
  - 4. Look for important details while reading
  - 5. Read the entire article before committing to main ideas
  - 6. Every word counts write and rewrite
  - 7. Writing summaries develops over time

# To innovate is to make things better.

Innovate a program, course, or strategy to increase student learning.

Solve a Problem I'm Stuck! Walk Away Build on Others Work Hard. Don't Aha! Don't Wait. Do It.

## New Outcomes? Gen Ed?

The perfect time to think about and innovate new programs, courses, and pedagogies.



## **General Education Minors**

### Criteria for a Cross-disciplinary Gen Ed Minor

- 18 credit hours
- 9 credit hours of Pathways courses\*
- 6 credit hours at 3000/4000 level
- Addresses 3 Pathways outcomes\*
- Meets *both* integrative outcomes\*
- 6. Contains a capstone course\*
- Located in a specific department, but multi-college
- All students must have access to the minor

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### MIND AND LANGUAGE

PROPOSED PATHWAYS MINOR CONTRIBUTING UNITS: ENGLISH, PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND SOCIOLOGY

### **1. OVERVIEW**

This proposed pathways minor is designed to address the following three types of questions:

<u>Questions about the mind</u>: What is the nature of consciousness? How do the cognitive processes of perception, memory, and learning work? What is the nature of mental illness?

Questions about language: What is a language? What are the grammatical language / what are the grammatical structures of the English language? How can we tell whether an argument in English is valid using a formal system such as first-order logic?

Questions about connections between mind and language: How is language represented and processed? We speak in languages – do we think in a language as well? What is the relationship between the meanings of words and contents of our concepts? How might the language we speak influence the way we think?

### 2. REQUIREMENTS

- Either PHIL1204 (Knowledge and Reality) or PSYC 2004 (Introduction to Psychology). A capstone experience (see §3).
- At least 6 hours from the Mind Sequence (§2.1), 6 from the Language Sequence (§2.2), and 6 at the 3000-4000 level

### 18 hours required in total.

 PSYC 2044: Psychology of Learning (Pre: PSYC 2004). PSYC 2064: Nervous Systems & Behavior (Pre: 2004).

2.1. THE MIND SEQUENCE

- PSYC 2094: Principles of Psychological Research (Pre: PSYC 2004).
- PSYC 4074: Sensation and Perception (Pre: PSYC 2004, 2064, and 2094). PSYC 4114: Cognitive Psychology (Pre: PSYC 2004, 2044, and 2094).
- PHIL 4204: Philosophy of Mind (Pre: one PHIL course).
- SOC 4714: Sociology of Mental Illness (Pre: SOC 1004).
- 2.2. THE LANGUAGE SEQUENCE

- PHIL 3505: Modern Logic and its Developm PHIL 42XX\*: Philosophy of Language (Pre: one PHIL course). (New course)
- ENGL 4044: Language and Society (Pre: ENGL 1106 or 1204H).
- ENGL 4064: Modern English Linguistics.
- · ENGL 4074: English Syntax (Pre: ENGL 1106). ENGL 4084: Topics in Linguistics (Pre: ENGL 4064 or 4074).

Ceci n'est pas une pipe.

### 3. CAPSTONE

Capstone experiences that address the interface of mind and language: these can include undergraduate research, presentations, lab work, etc.

### 4. NEEDS

- 1. Help with developing adequate learning
- 2. Help with codifying capstone experiences. Suggestions about other courses that would be appropriate for the minor.

### 5. CONTACT

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## Virginia UTech

### **Computation, Cognition, and Creativity**

Contributing Units: Computer Science, Music, Philosophy (and hopefully many more)

IDENTIFIED COURSES

MUS3314 Linux Laptop Orchestra MUS3065 Computer Music and Multimedia I

CS2984 Introduction to Computational Thinking MUS2984 Digital Sound Manipulation

MUS306 Computer Music and Multimedia I PHIL4015 Special Topics in Philosophy: Minds & Machines PHIL4204 Philosophy of Mind



- This Pathways Minor enables students to gain a deeper understanding of the technological world in which they live, work, and create by experiencing the rich interplay between many fields of study and computation. The minor explores such fundamental questions as: which does it men to be human in a world of thinking machines, + livour are notions of self and community influenced by social media, how can be intervinning of at and computation lead to new forms of creative expression, design, and scholarship,
- what are the distinctive social implications and ethical dilemmas posed by computing technology that is pervasive and invisible. In inter of the minor is to foster interdisciplinary interaction, iderstanding, and perspective.

"My ECE Signals and Systems class became much more exciting since I could hear so many of the theoretical concepts of that course put into direct creative applications (in Digital Sound Manipulation)" – Electric and Computer Engineering student in MUS 2984.

two bent over the assignment together, with the history major to lead in making a simple set of computer instructions calculate peratures from real National Weather Service data." - Story in the soke Times about students in the Computational Thinking class.

### OUTCOMES

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Critique and Practice in the Arts and Design Several outcomes in the Critical Thinking in the Humanities area are covered, including (1, 2, and 4) are covered, including (1, 2, and 4) Several of the outcomes in the Quantitative and Computational Thinking including the social impacts of computing, dealing with large-scale data, understanding multiple fields in which computation can be applied



Being creative with computation New ways of engaging the world

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Eric Lyons (Music) ericlyon@vt.edu

Collaborators are sought in any field of study where there are opportunities to show

- the interplay between computation and another field of study, where each sheds light on the nature of the other
- Aspects of the fundamental nature of computation, cognition or creativity that changes our understanding of the others.
- Of most value are courses that emphasize interdisciplinary interactions among students, and
- incorporate pedagogical practices to encourage engage and experimentation/practice.

- Students in STEM fields have an opportunity to approach a wide variety of ideas and modes of expression through a familiar perspective and yet find themselves transported into unfamiliar and exciting intellectual landscapes Students in the humanities, arts, and non-STEM fields have an opportunity to see the potential of computation to enhance their own fields or se how the perspective of their disciplines can shape the evolving nature of computation.

### CAPSTONE

- The capstone experience is open for discussion and ideas. In keeping with the nature of the minor the capstone should integrate computation, cognition, and/or creativity in some compelling way.
- There may be more than one capstone, allowing students to specialize their experience. Collaborators will have an active role in defining the characteristics of the capstone.

### Virginia IIII Tech **INNOVATION PATHWAY MINOR** IDENTIFIED COURSES Innovation is considered one of the core principles of our country's ability to continue to CREATE! Discourse The StartUp Class · A course directed specifically at the education of lead the world in high tech, high paying jobs students to present verbal and prose to technical The StartUp Capstone Course and economic growth (Clough, 2004). Industry firms that are more profitable also tend to be more Innovative (McGregor, 2007). and product information to industry representatives Business of Entrepreneurship and Small Ethics and World Views Enterprises A course or portion of a course directed to educate students to make ethical and moral decisions and to understand the impact their It is important for students from multiple disciplines be able to innovate and collaborate Introduction to Product Design together to fulfilling the need for more decisions have on their community, both locally innovation. Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer and globally. This Innovation Minor is a step towards an Introduction to Interdisciplinary Product interdisciplinary learning experience where students can learn innovation and ideation Development Modification of Existing techniques and be immersed into the Multi-Disciplinary Students entrepreneurial process through courses in multiple colleges and disciplines – mirroring the experiences they will be facing in the industrial Multi-Disciplinary Educators Students from multiple Colleges Createl Educators from multiple Colleges sector. · Educators, mentors and coaches from Industry OUTCOMES The ultimate outcome would be the formation of a new product venture CAPSTONE Introduction to Interdisciplinary Product Development The StartUj Class As a course proceeding the StartUp Class, this course offers mentored guidance and coaching toward creating a new technologically A second outcome is the positive change in Entrepreneurial Intentions, Self -Efficacy and Mindset change created through this minor. . innovative venture. This course is intended to aid student teams formed in or before the StartUp Class to achieve the outcome of a new CONTACT INFORMATION . Scott Walker – COE scott18w@vt.et Dr. Ben Knapp - ICAT benknapp@vt Dr. Jack Lesko – COE jlesko@vt.edu technological venture - or entrepreneurship.

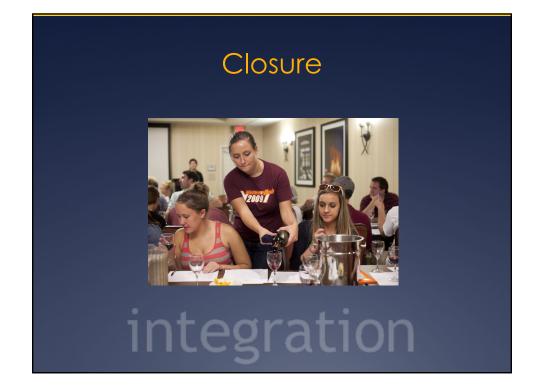
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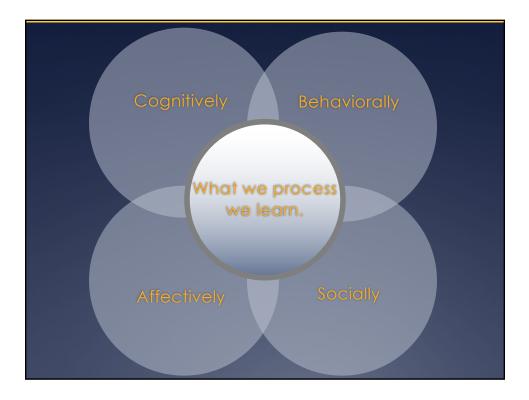
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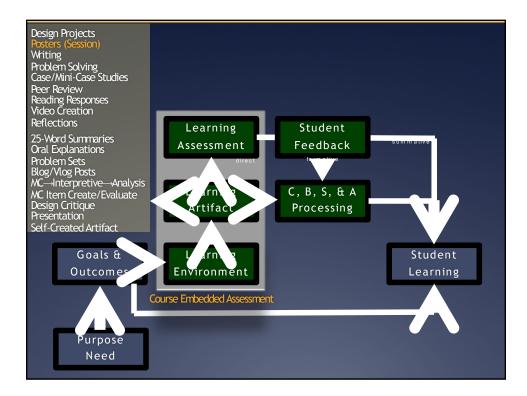




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