



# Data-Driven Decisions

Small Group Instructional  
Diagnostics



**WINGS UP!**

## Session Resources:

- Session will be recorded.
- Slide deck will be shared.
- Links to resources throughout presentation.
- Book a consultation with your instructional designer!

# Meet the Instructional Designers



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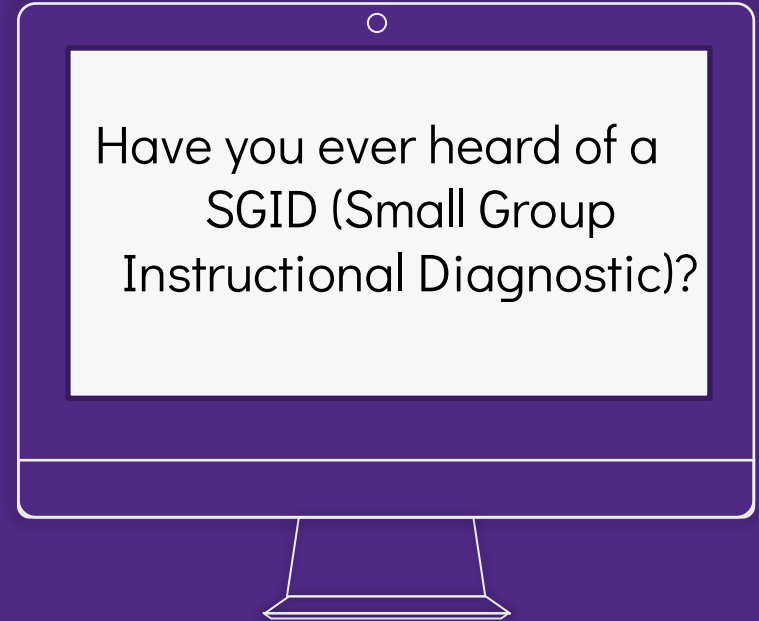


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# Poll Questions



# [ Agenda ]

- Data Driven Decisions
- Small Group Instructional Diagnostics
  - What is a SGID?
  - Who conducts SGIDs?
  - Why request a SGID?
  - When are SGIDs?
  - How do I sign up?

# [Personalized Learning]



Flexible  
Pacing



Individualized  
Instruction



Data-  
Driven  
Instruction



Student-  
Centered  
Approaches

# Making Informed Course Decisions



Based on a feeling, educational best practice, or new idea? Not a bad place to start.

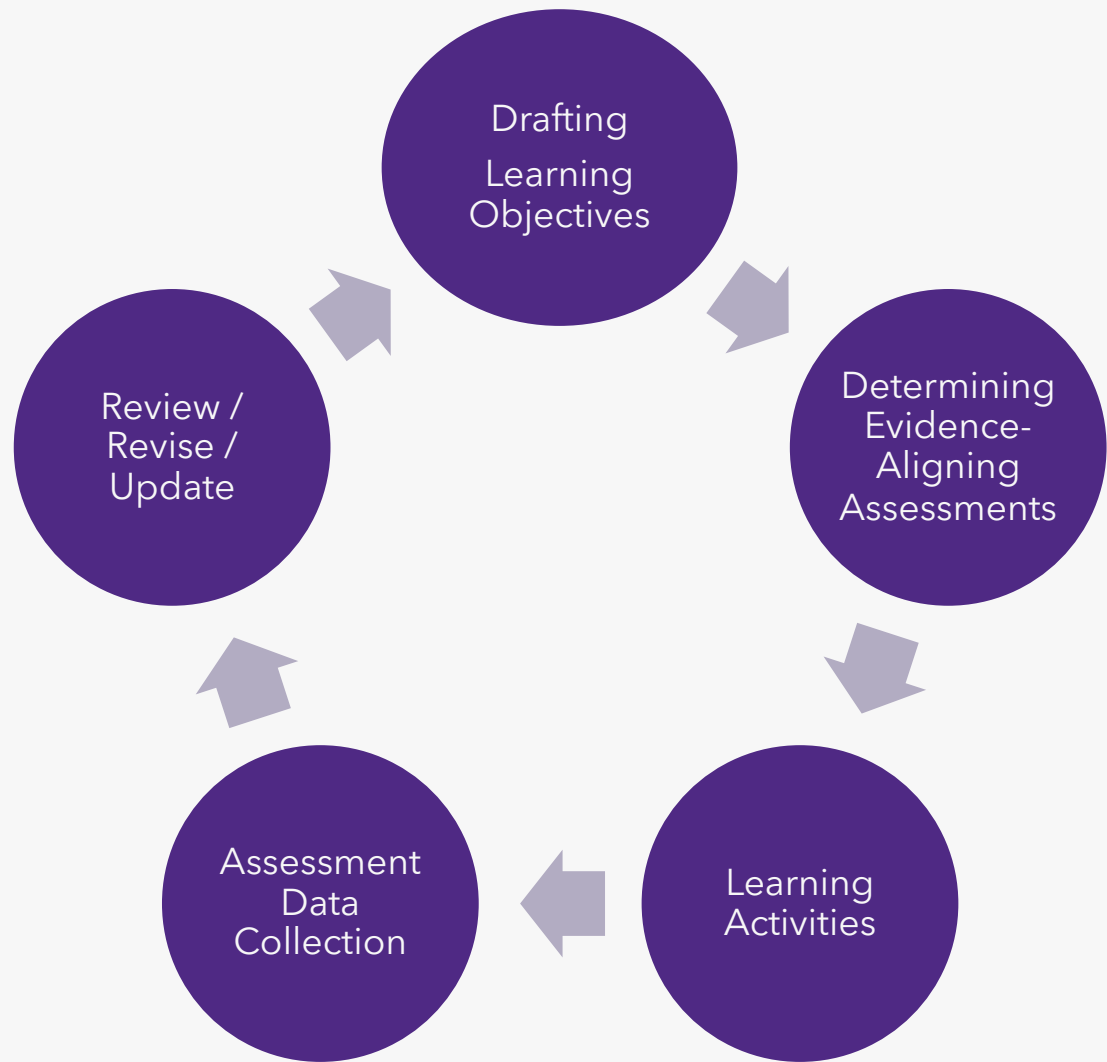


How do we know if the changes, additions, or organizational methods are effective for student learning?



Data is important to verify, understand, and quantify the decisions we make in our classrooms.

# Continuous Revision



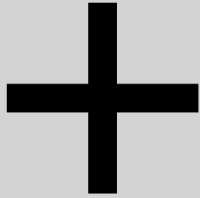




## Benefits of Data Use in Course Design:

- Informed decision making
- Tailored instruction
- Early intervention
- Continuous improvement
- Student motivation
- Metacognition

# Student Self-Assessment Opportunities



Creator+



Quizzes, Surveys or Self  
Assessments



Poll  
Everywhere

# Data-Driven Strategies

## Online

- [iLearn analytics](#)
- review grades
- personalize feedback
- review/post weekly announcements

## Both

- Set clear objectives
- Incorporate technology
- student surveys ([Qualtrics/iLearn](#))
- adjust instructional strategies
- Seek student feedback

## In-Person

- simply ask students
- collaborate with colleagues
- formative assessments
- encourage self-assessments

# Data to Enhance Instruction



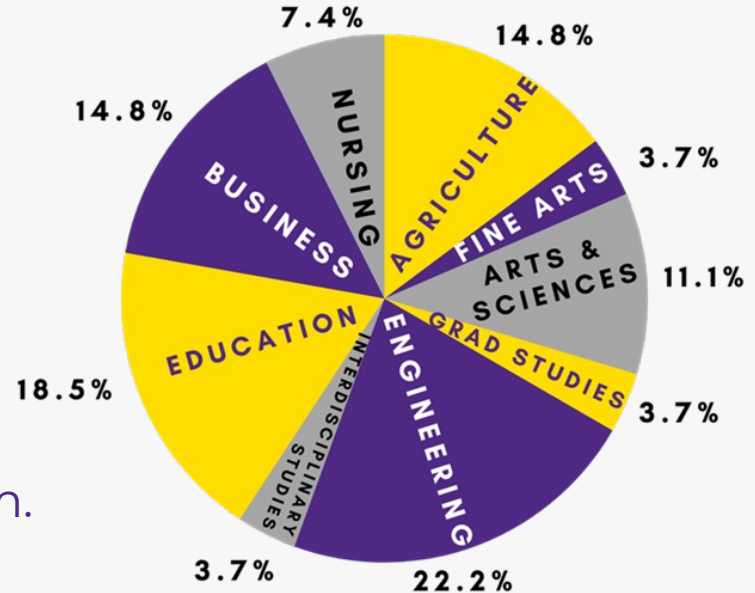
**What are ways you already use data in your courses?**



# Small Group Instructional Diagnostic

# What is a SGID?

- Simple and straightforward evaluation process
- Uses individual responses & structured small group discussions
- Provides confidential feedback
- Takes place around the midpoint of a term.

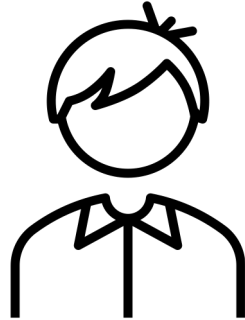


## Faculty



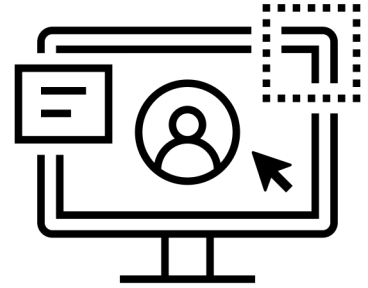
- Leaves classroom
- Receives feedback
- Discusses results with students

## Student



- Answers questions individually
- Breaks into small groups to reach a consensus

## CITL Facilitator



- Conducts discussion with students
- Provides feedback to faculty member

# Things to Note:



20-25  
minutes



**NOT** tied to  
assessments  
or  
evaluations



Confidential



# SURVEY QUESTIONS



Briefly describe at least three things you **like** about the course—the characteristics that you believe **support** your learning.



Briefly describe at least three things you **dislike** about the course—the characteristics that you believe **hinder** your learning.



What **suggestions** can you offer that would **enhance** your learning?



What can you as a student do to **improve** your learning?

DAY OF  
SGID:

## Students will:

1. Reflect individually



2. Reflect in small groups




3. "Vote" based on findings



# After SGID:




12:29

 **Tennessee  
TECH**

**Briefly describe things you like about the course—the characteristics that you believe support your learning.**

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Select whether or not you agree with the following statements based on the above question:


The instructor is engaging and seems to care about the subject. 

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

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Getting to work in groups on big projects has been helpful. 




CITL Facilitator will gather data and generate a report within 48 hours.



Facilitator and Instructor can meet again to discuss feedback.



Instructor takes results back to class and discusses with students.



I can't change  
because...

Here is what I  
am changing  
based on SGID  
results...



I'm happy  
that you like...

A close-up photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. The scene is brightly lit, likely by natural light from a window in the background, which is out of focus, showing green foliage. The laptop screen is visible on the left, displaying a blurred interface. A dark purple semi-transparent banner is overlaid across the bottom half of the image, containing white text.

**NEW THIS SPRING:**  
Asynchronous Instructional Diagnostics

# Asynchronous Instructional Diagnostic Overview



Students will receive a link to the survey through email or iLearn Announcement from CITL with video explanation of process.



The survey asks four questions (Instructor can decide to change these questions)



Students will answer individually. All responses will be anonymous.



Then, CITL facilitator will create another survey from individual responses and resend it to students.



Students will vote whether they agree, disagree, or are neutral with the responses of their peers.

# SMALL GROUP OR ASYNCHRONOUS: WHICH IS THE RIGHT ONE FOR YOUR CLASS?

## Things to consider:

- Type of data collected
- Class time
- Student motivation



# WHY REQUEST A SGID?



Feedback



Timeliness



Improvements



Ratings



*"We all read those comments that we get at the end of the semester and hope for 'the pearl' amongst all of that for something that we can actually do to improve. Having done the SGID in a class with close to 50 students, the nature of the comments were much richer and much more reflective and much more actionable than I've ever received on an IDEA feedback."*



**-Sally Pardue, Ph.D.  
College of Engineering**

*"It was such a wonderful thing for me, and I used the feedback that the students gave. For example, some students felt like I was going too fast through the material, and that kind of struck a chord with me. I realized that maybe I needed to start focusing more on quality versus quantity. When I slowed down with those lectures and allowed a little more time... for the content, but also allowed more time for discussion in classes, I began to really see some great feedback from students, and they appreciated my slowing down. They felt like they were being heard... so that was just a great thing for me. I would highly recommend going through that process if you haven't done that yet."*



**-Andrea Ayers, ESQ.**  
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# When are SGIDs?

- Spring 2024 SGIDs will take place
  - March 4-8
  - March 18-22

# How do I sign up?

- Please fill out the [form](#) to begin booking your Spring 2024 SGID.



# Questions / Comments

- Moving forward, what are some takeaways for using data in your course?
- Curious about SGIDs? We would love to answer any questions you may have!

# THANK YOU!

[Feedback Survey](#)

Next Week's Session: Replay - Crafting Your Course with iLearn Templates

[Register](#)



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