Teaching Criminal Justice
Innovative Ideas for the Classroom

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Universal Design Learning

UDL is an educational framework based on research in the learning sciences, including cognitive neuroscience, that guides the development of flexible learning environments that can accommodate individual learning differences.

UDL Concepts (1)

- Provide multiple means of
  - Representation
  - Action & Expression
  - Engagement

- Develop Curriculum that identifies
  - Goals
  - Methods
  - Materials
  - Assessments
## UDL Concepts (2)

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http://www.udlcenter.org/aboutudl/udlguidelines
Why You Won’t Have Difficulty …

Are your methods of assessment exclusively in-class quizzes and tests?

Do you use other exercises for teaching and assessments?

- Case briefs
- Current events
- Presentations
- Debates

- Mock trial
- Motion Exercises
- Court decision analysis
Resources

- Transforming Education through Universal Design for Learning (http://www.cast.org/)
- CAST Professional Learning (http://castprofessionallearning.org/)
- National Center on Universal Design for Learning (http://www.udlcenter.org/)
- UDL Wikispaces (http://udlttechtoolkit.wikispaces.com/)
Criminal Justice Examples

- In service training
  National Academy of Criminal Justice
  https://nacjtraining.com/lessons/reflection/

- University of Vermont
  Universal Design Technology Lab (UDTL)
  Interviewing Inmates for Change
  http://www.uvm.edu/udtl/?Page=news&storyID=17255&category=ucommall