Why Use It?

Assignment submission folders allow students to submit assignments through the Folio course site. You can set up submission folders to accept files submitted by individual students or a group of students. You can also evaluate assignments and provide feedback directly through the Assignment tool.

Guidance

The transparency in learning and teaching method (TILT) explicitly focuses on how and why students are learning course content, concepts, and skills in a particular way, and how they will use that learning after college. Tilting your assignments helps students to buy into the short- and long-term goals of their work. It also allows them to efficiently focus their (cognitive) attention on learning and achieving performance targets, rather than on understanding assignment instructions. This method is especially useful in online courses where the instructor is not present to provide clarification. TILT methods benefit all students by explicating learning/teaching processes, but they make a big difference in student performance for underserved students. Elements of TILT:

Purpose of assignment: What skills will students gain? How will they serve them? What content knowledge does the assignment help them learn? How does the assignment align with the course objectives? How does it align with the module objectives?

Task: What are the specific instructions that outline what the students will do? This might include a section on how students should approach the assignment (steps to follow as well as potential missteps to avoid). Don’t forget to include your expectations for how the document should be formatted and include instructions about how the assignment should be submitted.

Criteria for success: Be clear about expectations for success (and how to earn a specific grade). Consider using a checklist or a rubric for the assignment. Students can read an assignment narrative and still not comprehend what is expected; rubrics provide additional clarity. Another way instructors can help students understand what they need to do to be successful is to provide annotated examples of what excellence looks like.

GS Folio Template

The GS Folio Template incorporates an ADA compliant Assignment page that guides faculty through the process of authoring a TILT-oriented assignment.

Technology

Essential:
- Create an Assignment Submission Folder
- Grade Submissions in Assignments
- More ...

Optional:
- Create a Holistic Rubric
- Create an Analytic Rubric
- Add a Rubric to an Existing Activity