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1. Instructors: prep for spring courses with an accessible syllabus

Online course available to all at no cost.

As you create your class syllabus for next semester, are you keeping the following questions in mind?

- Is my syllabus accessible to all students who might use it?
- Am I following critical best practices? Am I doing it correctly?
- What is the possible impact of not creating an accessible syllabus?

Get the answers in a new course, [Creating an Accessible Syllabus using Microsoft Word](#), offered by [UITS IT Training](#) and the [Assistive Technology & Accessibility Centers \(ATAC\)](#).

In this short course, you'll learn to use Microsoft Word's built-in tools to improve overall usability and allow accurate document reading on screen readers. You'll also have the opportunity to earn a certificate of achievement after passing the final exam.

[Enroll in the course >>](#)

2. Zoom Health accounts now available to the IU community

Encryption service keeps private patient data safe during online collaborations.

IU is offering [Zoom Health accounts](#) for those hosting private, secure online collaborations involving the transmission of [protected health information \(PHI\)](#). Zoom Health provides encrypted audio, video, and chat functionality, disables cloud recording, and anonymizes usage reports.

- If you **host** Zoom meetings where PHI is shared, you **must request** a [Zoom Health Account](#).
- Zoom Health operates in compliance with the [HIPPA Business Associate Agreement](#).
- Group accounts are not available for Zoom Health. Hosts may use their personal account for Zoom Health and a group account for Zoom at IU.

Need help? Contact cthelp@iu.edu with questions.

[Log in to Zoom Health >>](#)

3. CEWiT Summit call for proposals now open

Submit ideas for workshops, panels, and presentations for the 2019 event.

The IU [Center of Excellence for Women in Technology \(CEWiT\)](#) is now accepting proposals for the [CEWiT Summit](#), coming in March 2019. The annual conference provides an opportunity for

the IU community to share, learn, engage with, and experience technology across skill levels and disciplines.

IU students, faculty, staff, alumnae, employers, and community members are encouraged to [submit session proposals](#) for interactive workshops, panel discussions, and presentations.

Multiple submissions are welcome; submission deadline is **January 22, 2019**.

[Get details and submit a proposal >>](#)

4. IU study tracks spread of misinformation in 2016 election

Findings show Twitter bots played a major role.

A study conducted by IU researchers analyzed 14 million Twitter messages and 400,000 articles shared on Twitter between the end of the 2016 presidential primaries and the presidential inauguration in January 2017.

Six percent of accounts identified as automated—or “bots”—were able to spread 31 percent of the low-credibility information on Twitter, and were also responsible for 34 percent of all articles shared from low-credibility sources.

The group’s research continues, now studying the level of bot activity associated with conversations relating to current elections, as well as frequently mentioned topics, user names, and hashtags.

[Learn more about the IU study findings >>](#)

5. Follow UITS on social media

Tweet, like, or heart us on your favorite social media outlet.

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From software updates to online scams to upcoming events, the UITS accounts on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) keep you in the know on all your devices and across all platforms.

Follow our accounts to get access to videos and stories that tell you more about UITS at IU.

[Check out the latest “UITS wants to know…” video on Instagram >>](#)

6. Scientific Visualization Workshop Series

December 5 session to focus on brain diffusion imaging.

In the final session of the weekly series featuring topics related to scientific visualization, Dave Reagan from the UITS Advanced Visualization Lab (AVL) will present a program on **Brain Diffusion Imaging with Diffusion Imaging in Python (DIPY)**.

The series, organized by the AVL and moderated by Bill Sherman, senior technology advisor in Research Technologies, can be attended in person, or remotely by Zoom or video bridge. **Previously recorded presentations** are available on the **IU PTI channel on YouTube**.

When: December 5, 4-5:15pm

Where: Luddy Hall, Visualization Lab, Room 4012

[Find out more about this series >>](#)

7. More IT News and Events

- [It's GIS Day! Celebrate two decades of Geographic Information Systems technology >>](#)
 - [11/29: Faculty Men Allies for Gender Equity Workshop >>](#)
 - [Interactive classroom provides innovative space for teaching, learning >>](#)
 - [Make, start your engines with IUPUI's Mechanical Engineering Technology program >>](#)
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