Academic Outreach & Innovation

Perusall

Type	Learning Curve	Blackboard Gradebook Integration	Cost
Online or Face-to-Face	Medium	Yes	Free

What?

Perusall is a social learning platform that keeps students on track with the reading assignments. Students and instructors are able to collaboratively annotate a pdf document or textbook prior to attending class. Perusall provides a simple "student confusion report" that summarizes areas your students misunderstood, disagreed with each other about, or were most engaged with in the learning experience. It enables you to teach more effectively, understand student misconceptions, structure class discussion, and save time.

When?

- Engaging students to read assignments prior to class - Transforms the reading experience from solitary to a collective activity
- Encourages students to have discussions about reading assignments in a social learning environment
- Perusall automatically sorts students into non-overlapping annotation groups optimized for maximum learning, which also means that Perusall works well in any class size

How?

- **Professor:** Getting Started: https://support.perusall.com/hc/en-us/articles/360034534193-Getting-started
  - **Professor Help Center:** https://support.perusall.com/hc/en-us/categories/360002157414-Instructors

- **Student**: Getting Started: https://support.perusall.com/hc/en-us/sections/360005217633-Getting-started

Perusall Features:

- **Automatic grading** - that assesses the quality and distribution of a student's contributions to annotatoins.
- Downloadable .csv of all annotations in an assignment.
- Integration into Blackboard   https://support.perusall.com/hc/en-us/articles/360033994014
- Tagging of annotations as questions automatically when a user uses a question mark
- Ability to filter annotations to view questions, unanswered questions, annotations by instructor, or annotations by a specific student.

Tips

- Persuall Webinars: https://perusall.com/webinar
- Persuall Support: support@perusall.com

Suggested Activities

To learn about these activities and how to implement them, see the Student Engagement Strategies Toolbox.

- Think Pair Share
- What's the Principle?

For more information or to schedule time with an instructional designer or emerging technologist, contact aoi.li@wsu.edu or visit li.wsu.edu You can also visit the Spark Faculty Innovation Studio (SPARK 102) any time from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.