**Affordable Learning Georgia Affordable Materials Grants  
Continuous Improvement Grants Final Report**

*(or Mini-Grants, for R17 and earlier)*

# General Information

Date: 12/19/2024

Grant Round: R24

Grant Number: M248

Institution Name(s): Kennesaw State University

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Course Name(s) and Course Numbers:

IT 4723 IT Policy & Law

IT 4333 Network Config & Admin

IT 3003 Prof Dev & Entrepreneurship

IT 3223 Software Acquisition & Project Mgmt

Final Semester of Project: Fall 2024

# Project Narrative

*Describe the course of your revision or ancillary creation project, including*

The Department of Information Technology at Kennesaw State University (KSU) has made department-wide efforts to adopt open educational resources (OER) in both undergraduate and graduate courses and housing both Z-Degrees since 2020. Thanks to strong support from Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG), all the courses from the MSIT program have now replaced their textbooks with no-cost-to-student OER learning materials. Information technology is an ever-changing field; it is very important to keep our courses updated. The degree program periodically undergoes curriculum revision every three years. Out of this, we are planning to update four courses. Most of them were updated more than two years ago and needed to be aligned with current industry best practices and trends as follows:

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As part of our department ALG strategic plan, we propose to create OER materials for these courses to keep up the BSIT Z-Degree. Our assigned faculty to develop these courses have already identified the preliminary sources based on the learning objectives for developing OER materials. We are striving to make OER resources accessible to all students, as a result, further effort is needed to make developed slides, lectures, test questions compliant with accessibility criteria enforced by Digital Learning Innovation at KSU. The overall goals of our project are listed as follows. The specific plan about each individual course is illustrated in the action plan section.

* Developed OER materials for courses a part of BSIT Degree
* Developed OER materials reasonably free from any accessibility issues.
* Developed OER materials congruent with course learning outcomes.
* Developed new ancillary material.
* Used layout to make sure OER material in each course has reasonably similar look and feel.
* Ensured course materials comply with the accessibility standards defined by ALG.
* *The project was kicked off October 2023. Email was used as the primary means of communication with the team. A team member resigned from the university in Summer 2024 before doing their share. An email was sent to all full-time IT faculty. The first respondent, Liang Zhao, was given the opportunity to join the team. Another team member resigned, Jamie Jamison, but she provided assurance she would complete her commitment. A reminder email was sent in October 2024. Another reminder was sent November 2024 asking for confirmation of completion, delay, or failure. All members except for Jamie provided assurance of completion. Jamie later provided reassurance she would complete by 12/9. Subsequently, no work was identified from Jamie, and she became non-responsive. There is a built-in grace period to the completion date. She was sent an email informing her of the grace period.*
* *Lessons learned: Yes, I would send reminders earlier and get assurances of completion earlier. I would also ask to see milestone evidence of incremental progress.*

# Materials Description

*Describe all the materials you have created or revised as part of this project. These descriptions may be used in the* [OpenALG](https://alg.manifoldapp.org/) *repository description field. Include the* [*open license your materials will be shared under*](https://creativecommons.org/share-your-work/)*—for most materials, this will be an Attribution 4.0 License (CC BY-SA) as required in the Grants Request for Proposals.*

# Materials Links

*See OpenALG.*

# Future Plans

* *These materials will likely be revised again around 2027 or sooner.*