



## CD/DVD Lessons

**Most textbooks these days come with interactive, multimedia CDs or DVDs. Many of these discs contain lessons meant to supplement your classroom instruction. They can be used in an online course, in a traditional face-to-face classroom setting, or in a computer lab setting. Here are some things to keep in mind when using them:**

- Determine whether using them is optional or required.
- If required, make sure students have access to computers that meet the system requirements needed to run the disc. This includes any necessary plug-ins.
- Make sure students know how to install the program and access specific material on the disc. If you are in a traditional classroom, model these steps.
- Choose a lesson that meets your objectives.
- If you are going to assess students on what they learn from the disc, let them know in advance.
- If you are in a traditional classroom, you can use the disc in ways other than just having students work one-on-one with it at a computer. You can project the content onto a large screen, and complete a lesson as a class. You can also show excerpts from a topic to illuminate a concept or other information in a lecture.
- Encourage the use of the disc's help, glossary, or other related functions.
- You can put your assignment or any other information regarding the disc on your web site, so students will always be able to find it.
- Use your creativity. There are probably many more ways you can use the content on the CD/DVD.