

# UDL and differentiation

UDL and differentiation are distinct and interrelated. Together they provide a powerful combination.

Read the blog post [UDL vs DI: The Dinner Party Analogy](#) to broaden your understanding.

Universal Design for Learning	Differentiation
Overarching approach that informs all learning-design decisions.	Teaching strategy used when applicable.
Focused on the inclusive design of the whole learning environment at the outset.	Aimed at addressing each learner's individual levels of readiness, interest, and learning profiles.
Learner and whānau feedback guides the design of the environment.	Kaiako usually makes design decisions.
All have full access to supports and tools, regardless of their needs and abilities.	Specific supports offered to certain learners.
Flexible environment that learners can personalise.  Focus on learner agency.	Kaiako modifies content and processes to address the needs of each learner.
Learner is supported to self-direct learning and monitor progress.	Kaiako directs learner to specific activities to further their learning.

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