

Institute for Teaching and Learning

Annual Report

The University of Akron's Institute for Teaching and Learning's mission is to support faculty by focusing on improving teaching and enhancing student learning. We offer workshops, information sessions, and training related to professional development, general education, student learning assessment, course design and development, and implementation of technology to enhance teaching.

Event Highlights*









total attendees

unique attendees

Key Accomplishments**

- Supported faculty as they adapted to online and hybrid teaching through inperson open hours in library with DDS and online consultations.
- Published "Keep Teaching" website and provided continuous support to faculty via website tools and resources.
- Conducted midterm student survey to provide timely information regarding instruction to faculty members to adapt courses.
- Conducted midterm faculty survey to identify areas of need after transition to remote learning.
- Established guidelines for supporting students amidst pandemic conditions.
- Conducted end-of-semester student survey to better understand students' experiences with remote learning.
- Hosted regular Coffee Hours to support faculty during period of remote learning.
- Supported faculty and students with online exam proctoring initiative.

Aug 22	New Faculty Orientation
Sept 6	New Faculty Learning Community
Sept 25	General Education Course Renewal
	Workshop: Arts and Humanities
Oct 1 & 4	Assessment Basics for New Chairs and
	Program Directors
Oct 3	General Education Course Renewal
0.4	Workshop: Social Sciences
Oct 4	New Faculty Learning Community General Education Course Renewal
Oct 9	Workshop: Natural Sciences
Oct 16	High Impact Teaching: Engaging Students in
	Research
Oct 22 & 25	Transparent Assignments: Clarifying Purpose
	and Expectations for Students
Nov 1	New Faculty Learning Community
Nov 13	High Impact Teaching: Teaching Hacks
Nov 15	SMART Workshop
Nov 19	Assessment Hacks: Using Brightspace for
	Program Assessment
Nov 20 & 21	Gen Ed Assessment Results: Domestic and
	Global Diversity, Complex Systems
Dec 6	New Faculty Learning Community
Jan 23	Teaching Refresh Faculty Learning
	Community
Feb 6	Teaching Refresh Faculty Learning
	Community
Feb 7	New Faculty Learning Community
Feb 12	General Education Course Renewal
5 1 42	Workshop
Feb 13	General Education Course Renewal
Feb 19	Workshop High Impact Teaching: Mindfulness
100 19	Techniques in the Classroom
Feb 20	Teaching Refresh Faculty Learning
	Community
 Mar 6	Teaching Refresh Faculty Learning

^{*} Attendance data representative of programming prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic. After the COVID-19 outbreak (March 2020), attendance records were not kept.

^{**} Programing shift to Academic Continuity amidst COVID-19 Pandemic