Spring Teaching Workshops for Faculty

Join the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) this spring and explore new ideas to enhance your teaching effectiveness and improve learning for your students. Faculty from all disciplines are invited to participate in one (or all!) workshops. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Workshops include lunch and refreshments!

Promoting Creativity: Teaching our Students to Think Innovatively

We’d all like to see our students do more creative and innovative work in our classes, but how do we teach them to do so? In this interactive workshop, we will discuss what creativity means in our fields and look at models of creativity that demystify the many facets of creative work. Then we’ll examine two of those facets, using both research and interactive activities. We will discuss how these insights about the creative process can help us plan better instruction and policies for our classrooms. Expect to leave with insights about your own creative practices and about how to help your students do better creative work in your courses.

**Workshop Facilitator:** Dr. Mikaela Huntzinger, CETL  
**Date/Time:** April 15th, 12:00 – 1:30pm

How to Propose and Teach an Outstanding First Year Seminar

Are you interested in sharing your interests with first-year students and introducing them to UC Davis by teaching a first-year seminar? First-year seminars provide a unique learning experience with a discussion-based format and emphasis on exchange of ideas rather than mastering disciplinary knowledge. This workshop will address how to propose and teach a first-year seminar that promotes intellectual exchange, critical thinking, and community. Participants will discuss how to stimulate interactive and engaged class discussions and will consider the unique perspectives and needs of first-year students. Participants will also make progress describing seminar activities, learning objectives, and assessments for a seminar they will teach and will become familiar with the process of submitting a first-year seminar proposal. New and experienced first-year seminar instructors are welcome to attend.

**Workshop Facilitators:** Dr. Cara Harwood and Janet Chambers, CETL  
**Date/Time:** May 6th, 12:00 – 1:30pm

Digital Devices and Distraction- Dealing with Disruptive Technologies during Class

Technology can enhance teaching and learning, but it can also provide a tempting distraction to students during class. Increased student use of digital devices, including laptops and smartphones, poses challenges for instructors who worry that the devices are interfering with student learning. This workshop will address how to manage student use of technology during class to create an effective learning environment. Participants will consider reasons students might use distracting technologies in class, evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of several different strategies for dealing with distracting technologies, and determine which strategy best fits with their teaching style and instructional goals.

**Workshop Facilitator:** Dr. Cara Harwood, CETL  
**Date/Time:** May 27th, 12:00 – 1:30pm

Register at:  
http://cetl.ucdavis.edu/courses-and-events/faculty-workshops.html