Overview of Teaching & Learning Resources

New Faculty Orientation

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
Introduction

• Purpose for Today’s Workshop
  — Reviewing the resources available to all faculty related to teaching and learning support at UT
  — Spotlight: Teaching & Learning Innovation
  — Spotlight: Online Learning
  — Academic Policies and Resources
    • Campus Syllabus
    • Academic Calendar
    • Exam Schedule

• Presenters:
  — Ferlin McGaskey, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, Teaching & Learning Innovation
  — Josh Steele, Assistant Vice Dean for Online Learning
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• TLI's Mission: (TLI) facilitates instructional excellence and supports those we serve in achieving their work life goals to foster a culture of success for faculty across the university.

• Fall 2023 Programs (In-Person)
  — "What the Best UT Faculty Do" Series
  — Alternative Assessment Methods Learning Community
  — Exploring Inclusive Teaching Learning Community
  — Exploring What Teaching Excellence Means
  — CIRTL F.U.E.L.
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• TLI's Vision: A path to success for every faculty member at UTK.

• Online Resource Libraries
  — Assessment
  — Active Learning & Engaged Teaching
  — Experiential Learning
  — Fostering the Volunteer Experience
  — Inclusive Teaching
  — Large-Classroom Teaching
  — The Syllabus
  — Teaching Fundamentals
  — Audio & Video Resources
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TLI's Values: As a unit within the Office of the Provost, in the Division of Faculty Affairs, we advance:

—collaborative and mutually beneficial partnerships,
—inclusive, equitable, and evidence-based approaches to foster success for those we serve, and
—faculty development as integral to the mission of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee’s flagship and land-grant institution.
An example of our values being reflected in our programming is our certificate curriculum.
Online Learning
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• Online Learning facilitates the university’s mission of providing “high-quality educational opportunities for people at every stage of life, whenever and wherever they seek to learn.”

• Staff members include:
  — Instructional Designers
  — Video Producers
  — Graphic Designers
  — Multimedia Developers
  — Faculty Consultants
OLAP supports professional development experiences for faculty and graduate students that focus on online learning.

- Brown Bag Fridays
- Online Teaching & Learning Certificate (Online TLC)
- Jumpstart Course Development Cohort
- Online Learning Community of Practice (OLC/oP)
Media Studio

We are dedicated to exploring ways of using technology to improve online teaching and the online learning experience. From Lecture recording studios to underwater remote videography, we are here to help enhance online courses for faculty, staff and students.
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Regular & Substantive Interaction

Engaged Online Course Rubric
Additional Resources
Campus Syllabus

- TLI Syllabus Webpage — Teaching.utk.edu/the-syllabus
- UT Syllabus Checklist
- UT Syllabus Template
- UT Online Syllabus Template
- UT Campus Syllabus
- Video: Constructing a Learning-Centered Syllabus

Dear Student,

The purpose of this Campus Syllabus is to provide you with important information that applies to all UTK courses. Please observe the following policies and familiarize yourself with the university resources listed below. At UT, we are committed to providing you with a high-quality learning experience. I want to wish you the best for a successful and productive semester.

-Dr. John Zomchick, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Each student is responsible for their personal integrity in academic life and for adhering to UT’s Honor Statement. The Honor Statement reads: “An essential feature of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. As a student of the university, I pledge that I will neither knowingly give nor receive any inappropriate assistance in academic work, thus affirming my own personal commitment to honor and integrity.”

YOUR ROLE IN IMPROVING THE COURSE THROUGH ASSESSMENT
At UT, it is our collective responsibility to improve the state of teaching and learning. During the semester you may be requested to assess aspects of this course, either during class or at the completion of the class, and through the TNVoicg course evaluation. Please take the few moments needed to respond to these requests as they are used by instructors, department heads, deans and others to improve the quality of your UT learning experience.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES — http://sds.utk.edu
Academic Calendar

• The Office of the University Registrar hosts the university’s academic calendars.
  — https://registrar.utk.edu/calendar/academic-calendars/

• Select Dates for Fall 2023:
  — Labor Day – Monday, September 4th
  — Fall Break – Monday & Tuesday, October 9th and 10th
  — Thanksgiving - Thursday & Friday, November 23rd and 24th
Campus Exam Schedule

- The Provost Office usually sends out an email close to the end of each semester with exam dates, end of semester processes, grading, hooding, and commencement information. This email often comes from Interim Vice Provost Ozlem Kilic.

- Dates as They Stand Today:
  - Study Day – Thursday, December 7th
  - Exams – Friday – Thursday, December 8th – 14th
Technology to Support Teaching

BANNER

Canvas

Zoom

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Additional Support Units

• UT Libraries
  — The UT Library has a Department of Teaching & Learning that supports faculty and graduate students with their teaching, learning, and research needs.
  — The libraries also have librarians assigned to each college, and often even to specific departments, that can help with research and support needs.

• Office of Innovative Technologies Technology (OIT)
  — The Office of Innovative Technologies has a team dedicated to instructional support. OIT has full-time experts who are knowledgeable about technology and tools that can enhance your teaching practice.
  — OIT also provides support for Canvas, the university’s learning management system.
Course Accessibility Day: Thurs, Aug 17th

Quick tips to improve course/Canvas accessibility via:
• Interpretation services
• Accessible course materials/documents
• Captioning videos
• Comprehensive course site checker

tiny.utk.edu/CourseAccessibilityDay
2023 New Faculty Teaching Institute

• Tomorrow, Thursday, August 10, 8:00 Hodges Library Auditorium

  During NFTI, we will
  — host a Campus Partner Resource Fair.
  — discuss several relevant topics for faculty success and support.
  — give away more swag and both breakfast and lunch will be provided.

• We will see you tomorrow for New Faculty Teaching Institute!
Questions?
Thank you!