Time to start thinking about winter 2024.

Promoting Social Presence with Instructor and Student Videos

We are asking instructors to create short introductory videos for their courses. These can be created by our video production team, or you can record them yourself using your phone, the Zoom recording feature, or other recording software. The questions to answer can be found [here](#).

Please contact [Ann Kwinn](mailto:Ann.Kwinn@ucx.ucr.edu) if you would like us to record your video or contact [support@ucx.ucr.edu](mailto:support@ucx.ucr.edu) if you have questions about how to record your own.

Your video can be part of a larger video-based discussion with your students. We have created a [new guide](#) to show you how to support your students’ use of the Canvas video recording feature.

A Message from the Dean

Check out this [short video message from our Dean, Dr. Kevin Vaughn](#), as he gives updates on the new UCR Palm Desert Center Executive Director, a new course on Nutrition and Healthy Living on the edX platform, and an in-person sustainable transportation program.

Introducing Ruoyu Lin

Many of you may have interacted with our wonderful new Instructional Design Student Assistant, Ruoyu Lin, through her course reviews. We would like to formally introduce her. Ruoyu grew up in Monterey Park in the San Gabriel Valley and speaks Mandarin and English fluently. She is a second-year
undergraduate business student at UCR and has studied Web Development. Ruoyu has served as a teaching assistant and trained as a community volunteer with local law enforcement. Lastly, she is a great communicator with a strong sense of customer service. We are incredibly lucky to have her!

Get your Winter Courses Ready

As a reminder, please import and update or develop your courses for the winter quarter.

- If you have taught in Canvas before, you will import your Canvas course and update any dates or other out-of-date information.
- If you have not taught in Canvas, you will first need to import the course, *UCRX Template* (which is a Canvas course with a home page and module structure but no course content) before you add your own course content. Please keep the provided home page as your course’s home page.

Online instructors should take the course, *Teaching with Canvas at UCR Extension*, on their Canvas dashboard. Please contact us when your course is ready for the new quarter. This should be two weeks before the start of your course. Support questions can be directed to support@ucx.ucr.edu. Ann Kwinn is available to discuss your course design at akwinn@ucx.ucr.edu.

Here is a link to the Canvas Guide on Importing: [How Do I Copy Content from Another Canvas Course](#).

Supporting Spanish Courses

Did you know that you can change the Canvas-provided text in your course to Spanish or several other languages? This text includes the tab titles in the navigation bar, for example, but not the text that the instructor creates. Here is a [guide showing you how to translate the text](#).

Also – we will be rolling out a Spanish version of the UCR University Extension Template soon. Please request it from rlin@ucx.ucr.edu.