New Year. New Beginnings.

Instructor Recognition and Professional Development Event

Thanks to everyone who attended the Instructor Recognition Event. For those who received an award but did not attend, they are being mailed out. The slides for the event are available at the bottom of the Instructor Resources Page, and cover the following topics:

- What’s new at Extension - from the Dean
- New technology, initiatives, and resources for instructors
- How to connect with your students: Social presence session
- Did they learn anything? Assessment in the classroom session

Take the Challenge: Media Initiatives to Promote Connection with Your Students

We have some initiatives to promote our instructors’ connection with their students.

- All online instructors should create an intro video answering the questions linked below.
- All online instructors should offer their students at least one optional synchronous (Zoom) meeting in each course.
- We are making some multimedia equipment available for instructors to borrow, thanks to a grant.

We would like to know which instructors would like to get support and give us feedback on your implementation. Please complete this short survey if you are
interested, and you will be contacted.

Additional Resources:

- Instructor Intro Video Questions to Answer
- Webinar on Video Recording Best Practices
- Tips for Optional Synchronous (Zoom) Sessions
- Webinar on Zoom Sessions Best Practices

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**Instructor Gallery**

Let us know if you have implemented some media or pedagogy that you feel is particularly innovative or effective, and we will post and share it in the Instructor Gallery. Contact Ann Kwinn to share your ideas.

Here is an example: Instructors Linda McKean, Patricia Estell, and Stephen Fritz in kotter all use the People tab in their Canvas courses to monitor when students last signed in and duration of total activity. At the start of the course, it shows that the student was able to get into Canvas, and as the course progresses, instructors can contact students who have not logged in during the week.

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**Get your Winter Courses Ready for a January 4 Term Start**

As a reminder, please import and update or develop your courses for the winter term starting January 4.

- If you have taught for UCRX in Canvas before, you will import your Canvas course and update any dates or other out-of-date information.
- If you have not taught for UCRX 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.

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 term. 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.
Take a Free Course in the Online Course Design and Instruction Program

Instructors are encouraged to take a course in the Online Course Design and Instruction certificate program. You may enroll in a course for free within one year after teaching for UCR University Extension. We will offer one course in this program per term. The next course, Effective Assessment in Online Courses, will run from January 16 – February 4.

The other courses are:

- Tools and Techniques for Online Course Development
- Successful Online Teaching
- Instructional Design for Online Courses

Learn more about the program or contact Ann Kwinn. If you are interested, please email D. Dayton expressing enrollment interest in a certain course and stating that you are an Extension instructor.

Transform Your Teaching Skills with These Resources

Instructure (Canvas) has created a report called The 2022 State Of Student Success & Engagement in Higher Education based on surveying students, administrators and faculty worldwide. It includes the sections: Global Trends and Insights, Student Success and Engagement, Socioeconomic Factors, and Post-Covid Perceptions. Their study revealed six key trends that participants identified as most important to student success and engagement in 2022:

- Students are demanding convenience and flexibility.
- Career readiness is of paramount importance.
- Competency-based and skills-based learning is in growing demand.
- Tech-enhanced pedagogy is critical for student engagement.
- The digital divide, or gap between those with and those without the Internet, directly impacts student success.
- The psychological well-being of students is at the forefront of the conversation on student success.
Read the report to learn more.

UC Irvine Extension offered a fast and furious webinar covering many tools that online instructors can use in their course development and teaching. The recording starts with information about UCI and then moves into the tools content. Watch the webinar.

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**Technology Updates for Online Instructors**

We want to revise the *Teaching with Canvas at UCR Extension* course. Please send any feedback that you have about the course to Ann Kwinn.

You may have noticed that the Canvas Guides were temporarily removed from the Canvas Help menu. They will be restored and accessible from the question mark icon at the bottom left of your Canvas interface. They are also available here.

The Canvas Assignments tool now supports assignments that require student annotation. Instructors will upload a file to Canvas that the student can mark up using the built-in annotation tools (highlight, text, make comments, draw, etc.) as their submission. These are the same tools instructors can use in SpeedGrader.

Some example applications of this new option are asking students to:

- Number a diagram or screen capture to show a proper sequence
- Draw a correct flow of events or draw arrows to show flow
- Label the parts of a drawing
- Circle the correct equipment to use or draw the correct placement of equipment
- Highlight or color-code various elements in a document or statement
- Use the commenting tool to correct a document

Watch this one-minute video explaining how to set up this option.