Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning at USI

Programs and Services to Support Teaching & Learning
Making Teaching & Learning Visible
Opportunities to discuss ideas & issues, build community, and engage in growth and reflection

Gather Information to Inform Improvements

FACT Mid-Semester Feedback	
Mid-semester feedback from your students through discussions guided by consultants. Enhance the learning experience and rapport with your students.	20-minute class visit + 30-minute follow-up
COPUS Observations	
Gather non-evaluative information on what you and your students do during a class session and quantify active learning.	Class visit + 30-minute follow-up meeting
Custom Class Observations	
Formative evaluation to identify your strengths and suggest ways to enhance your teaching practice. Customized based on individual needs.	Class visit + 30-minute follow-up conversation
Individual Consultations	
Topics include teaching strategies and effectiveness, assignment design, course development, student learning issues, scholarship of teaching & learning (SoTL).	Varies

Foster Self-Reflection and Your Learning

Teaching Nest Program	
Prompt self-reflection on teaching and build community with others across disciplines by visiting classes of 2-3 other instructors (in-person or online).	4-5 hours across a semester
Teaching & Learning Workshops	
Explore evidence-based strategies to enhance teaching and student learning.	1-1.5 hours each
Faculty Learning Communities	
Discussions and explorations around common teaching and learning interests and goals within a cohort. Topics vary by semester.	~4 meetings across a semester
CETL Weekly Newsletters	
Quick Reads on teaching, learning & faculty development; upcoming events.	15 minutes/week
Celebration of Teaching & Learning Symposium	
Spark ideas for enhancing student learning and share your teaching practices with colleagues across campus.	February 2023

Additional Faculty Development Opportunities

Writing Workshops and Groups	
Participate in writing challenges and groups while testing writing productivity strategies to meet your goals.	1.5-hour workshop + writing time
Faculty Website Workshops	
Create or modify content for your USI faculty website to enhance visibility.	1 hour to get started
Portfolio Development Consultations	
Services include informal review of narrative and CV and portfolio preparation.	Varies
Individual Consultations	
Services include informal portfolio development support and manuscript review.	Varies
New Faculty Academy	
Year-long program to jump-start a new faculty member's success.	1 hour every 2-3 weeks
Chairs Community of Practice	
Enhance effectiveness as chair and support those who serve in this role.	1 hour monthly
SoTL Fellows Program	
Year-long program to develop and conduct Scholarship of Teaching & Learning in a learning community.	Varies
Thank a Faculty or Staff Member	
Offers current and past USI students a way to express their gratitude to a person who has made a difference in their educational experience.	10 minutes

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