Welcome Back

The start of the new semester has arrived. We welcome all new faculty and staff to our UT Arlington family as well as returning members for a new year. Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, we encourage all faculty and staff members to please take precautionary and safety measures as best as possible.

Microsoft Teams in Canvas

Teams Class and Teams Meeting features are now available for use in Canvas courses. As course instructor, you will be able to create a Teams class and Teams meetings from within your Canvas course. OIT will no longer create Teams classes at the beginning of the semester. Please review the Teams resources prior to utilizing Teams features in Canvas.

Professional Development Opportunity

Interested in improving your online courses? The Instructional Design Team at the Center for Distance Education (CDE) invites you to enroll in our professional development program: Focus on Planning (FoP). The "Focus on Planning" series consists of eight online courses that will prepare and enable you to effectively design your courses from start to finish. Visit our Focus on Planning page for more information.

Engagement and Empathy: The antidote to workplace bullying in higher education

- Special invited Speaker Dr. Louis Haith
- April 6, 2022 at Nolan in the Library Atrium

This talk will focus on strategies to engage faculty, spot bullies, and create an empathetic department that resists being engaged.

Tenure and Promotion Informational Session with the Provost

Calling all Assistant Professors. Come to this session to ask the Provost your questions about the Tenure and Promotion process.
March 1, 2022, in Trinity Hall Room 104 at 3 pm

Chairs, ACTP Chair, and Admins: Tenure and Promotion Nuts and Bolts Promotion Workshop

Calling all chairs, ACTP chairs and admins. Come to this session to learn about the processes and procedures for T&P. Ask your questions about using OS and external letters, etc.
March 11, 2022, 1:30-3:30, in Trinity Hall Room 104

UT System Webinar on OER Tenure & Promotion

UTA will hold a webinar to discuss OER in Tenure and Promotion featuring Amanda Caudle, Director of Open Education at USCcampus in British Columbia, and Andrew McNally, OER Coordinator at CUNY, the City University of New York. They are authors of the OERNESS OER in Tenure and Promotion Sustainability Kit. An advisory model to help guide faculty include their OER work in their tenure and promotion portfolios.

The webinar will help faculty as well as decision makers, and advocates to OER engagement across UT systems. It will take place on Thursday, February 17, from 11 am to 12 pm CT. Register here in advance to attend the meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Human Resources

In December, Human Resources launched a new website. Be sure to visit https://www.uta.edu/hr for the latest updates.

Upload Your Spring Syllabus

It is that time of year again! Please upload your syllabus files into Canvas. Give the system about an hour or so to turn up and you should be able to see the syllabus link on your faculty webpage.

Please confirm that each section of your courses have syllabus links on your webpage.

- Have this year: Texas law requires including the cost of textbooks and other required materials including software. This new law also requires the syllabus be posted 30 days before the start of classes.
- Remember, you can post a draft syllabus now, and update it later. You can watermark it as a draft.

Do you know...

That you can sign up for COVID-19 test kit?

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