

Faculty Affairs News 149 - August 20, 2020

Safety Video for Faculty to Use on First Day of Classes

University Communications produced a video in response to faculty requests, that outlines safety protocols for students, as well as sanctions if students refuse to comply. As members of a [UTA Community that Cares](#), we encourage faculty to use the extra masks that will be provided in classrooms and show this [short video](#) on the first day of classes, particularly for hybrid and face-to-face courses. The video is being uploaded to Canvas Commons for faculty to easily link to their Canvas courses.

Teams Available in Canvas Courses

Faculty teaching this Fall now have access to Teams through their Canvas courses. Every course at UTA has a [Teams classroom](#), which is optional for faculty to activate. This new virtual classroom is preloaded with the students assigned to the course in MyMav. Faculty should note that assignments and grades in the Teams classroom will need to be moved to Canvas to ensure data is maintained for archiving and grade appeals; grades will need to be moved from the Teams classroom to Canvas for extraction into MyMav. For more information on Teams in the classroom, faculty can review this [Resource Guide](#). For questions, please contact helpdesk@uta.edu

Fall 2020 Planning

- **Message from Provost.** Dr. Pranesh Aswath shared a number of resources with faculty in a campus-wide message Aug 17. It includes [protocols](#) in case of a positive test in your classroom, [scripts](#) for handling questions about wearing masks, as well as [processes](#) for classroom use. Masks will be available in classrooms for faculty to share with students that may forget.
- **Return to Campus Training.** All faculty and staff are required to complete the short [training module](#) before returning for fall classes.
- **Viewing MyMav Course Modalities.** Please share with your students the [process](#) for seeing the new modality for your courses. The full Modality definition list is available on the [UTA COVID website](#). A legend is available on each [MyMav](#) page but it only includes the modalities listed on that page, not all modalities. Courses are listed first as broad categories (e.g. hybrid, face to face, etc.), then a second modality is listed providing the specifics (e.g. Hybrid 1, Online 2, etc.). For questions, please reach out to mcosio@uta.edu.
- **First-Day Syllabi.** The Canvas [syllabus template](#) contains updated face-covering policy in classrooms, and a section for faculty to add technology requirements for their Fall courses (webcams, proctoring software, use of Teams). Please post at least a sample syllabi for all your courses in Canvas so students can best prepare for the first day of classes and understand the expectations for your courses.

Request for Loaner Computers, Wi-Fi Sticks or Web Camera

Faculty that do not have a device that can be used to support COVID-19 remote teaching can request to borrow a computer, Wi-Fi stick, or web camera through OIT. Requests are subject to availability of equipment. **Please email technologyloaner@uta.edu with the following information:**

- Department dean or chair approval
- Number of courses assigned to teach for Fall
- OS Type (Windows or Mac)
- Is the need for the equipment for the full semester or short term
- Expected return Date
- Cost Center (only charged for damages or thefts incurred while in possession of the UTA assets)

For student requests to borrow equipment, please refer them to the UTA Library at <https://libraries.uta.edu/services/technology/borrow>.

Course Modality Mix for Fall 2020

Thank you to all faculty who engaged with the subgroups of the Fall Planning Task Force in determining the modality for their courses. Preliminary data suggests that 70% of students are enrolled in hybrid courses, 27% are in online only (excluding AP), and only 1.7% are in face-to-face courses. Now that all fall course room assignments are complete, the Registrar is working on assigning rooms for face-to-face exams as requested by each college/school. For questions, please check with your college/school associate dean.

ACUE Application

Applications for the ACUE Effective Teaching Practices are still being accepted. This course is designed for higher education faculty that leads to a nationally recognized Certificate in Effective College Instruction endorsed by the American Council on Education (ACE). Participation may also be considered as a grant of \$1,200 on your CV.

To apply, please submit the following as a single PDF file to Karen Bittner at bittner@uta.edu

- **Cover Letter** (no more than one page) that includes: 1) how your participation in the course would impact you as well as the institution, and 2) a description of your teaching experience that includes the courses you are currently teaching, the enrollment in your courses, and the diversity of majors impacted by your courses and teaching efforts.
- **Curriculum Vitae**
- **Letter of Support** from your Department Chair or Direct Supervisor

Applications are due at 5 PM October 1, 2020. Please reach out to Dr. Antoinette Sol, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, at amsol@uta.edu if you have any questions.

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Upcoming Events

View more [upcoming events](#) on our Faculty Affairs website.

Face-to-Face Instruction Ends at Thanksgiving

November 24, 2020

All eight UT System academic institutions, including UTA, are ending face-to-face classes and will go online after the Thanksgiving. Faculty may end their course at Thanksgiving if the instructional hours for that course are met; or can continue online until Dec. 8, [last day of classes](#). Fourth Week ([Progress Reports](#)) are due Friday, Sept. 25 at 12 noon.

Teacher-Student Interactions in Online and F2F Courses

Monday, August 31

1- 2:30 pm

Join CRTLE and CDE for this workshop on building engagement. More details to come on the [CRTLE](#) newsletter.

LinkedIn Available

August 1, 2020

LinkedIn Learning offers over 16,000 online courses which can be shared with students to provide supplementary resources or to build foundational skills. Faculty can view reports of student activity for the recommended courses. Visit the [OIT website](#) or attend the [Teams Live Event in August](#) to learn more about utilizing LinkedIn Learning in your class.

AccessEngineering Subscription Webinars

Monday, August 24th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday, August 26th from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Hundreds of textbooks and secondary resources in engineering, math, and physics—all at no extra cost to students and faculty through McGraw-Hill. Contact UTA Librarian Alexandra.Pirkle@uta.edu with your questions.

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