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2023-24 OSU ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION SERIES

Starts Sept. 13, 2023, noon-1 p.m. (Lunch at 11:45 a.m.)

Each session runs from noon to 1:30 p.m. and will be held in ITLE Room 126 and virtually via Zoom. Lunch will be available for in-person only at 11:45 a.m. in ITLE Room 126. Confirmation is required so we may order enough food.

[Register Here](#)

CANVAS ZOOM CHATS

Zoom Series

These virtual chats are designed to create a space for discussing and answering questions about the specific mechanics of the Canvas online learning platform. These will all be offered twice on their respective dates. Once starting at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. You only need to register for a single time slot on each day.

[Register Here](#)

MAKING OUR CLASSROOMS ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL LEARNERS

As instructors at a land-grant university, it's imperative that OSU faculty members strive to create accessible learning environments. When materials and technologies are referred to as accessible, it means individuals with and without disabilities can utilize learning [materials](#) to meet education, employment and community goals. Here are basic guidelines for making your courses more accessible or you can go to the [ITLE website](#) for additional information.

TEACHING EFFECTIVELY IN A WORLD OF AI

Artificial Intelligence tools, such as ChatGPT, Google Bard or Microsoft Bing can be valuable resources for university students, assisting with research, writing and learning. However, it is crucial to utilize these tools ethically and responsibly. The following strategies will support students in making the most of AI tools while maintaining academic integrity and ethical conduct. Each of the 10 sections has an accompanying video linked at the top of its respective section.

[Learn More](#)

ONLINE COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is the cornerstone of successful teaching in the fast-paced online education world. This week's teaching tip focuses on maintaining consistent contact with students through regular, transparent communication. Here are a few tips to help instructors foster healthy online communication practices:

- Clear expectations should be set regarding response times to student inquiries.
- Using Canvas Announcements to provide crucial updates nurtures a sense of belonging within the virtual classroom.
- Establish a dedicated Q&A discussion forum where students can

comfortably ask questions, share insights with peers and interact.

Open communication channels are crucial to building a vibrant learning community online. Students should feel welcomed and encouraged to voice their thoughts and concerns to feel heard and valued. This enriches their learning experience and sparks collaboration with peers and their instructors.

Remember, a well-connected classroom transcends online learning limitations. By prioritizing communication, we empower students to engage deeply with us as instructors, the material and each other. Even in a virtual setting, transparent contact nurtures success.

ONLINE INSTRUCTOR CANVAS COMMUNITY

To learn more about teaching online and access this week's module, we invite all online/hybrid instructors to join ITLE's Online Instructor Tips and Tools Community. Each week, a new tip or tool will be released detailing resources designed to enrich the quality of online courses. This community will also provide a space for instructors to ask and answer questions concerning best practices in online instruction. Click the link below or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to join the discussion!

[Join Here](#)



TOP FIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH INSTRUCTORS

Conversation No. 4: Don't Be the Hardest-Working Person in the Room

The fourth video in our Top Five Conversations series explains the importance of student practice during class.

[View Video Here](#)

Did you miss the first three videos in the series? No problem! Get started at the links below!

[View Video 1 Here](#)

[View Video 2 Here](#)

[View Video 3 Here](#)

USING ZOOM WITH CANVAS

OSU has integrated Zoom web conferencing into Canvas to make it easier for you and your students to video-conference. From within your Canvas course, faculty can schedule meetings that are automatically accessible to students, start those meetings, and have any recordings automatically available to students. Every faculty member and student will have access to a Zoom account under OSU's license. However, before using this Zoom account, it will need to be active by visiting [here](#), clicking on Sign In, and entering your okstate.edu email address and password.

[Read More](#)

LEARNING MORE ABOUT CANVAS

We have many resources available for faculty to learn more about Canvas. Whether you are just starting here at OSU or are a seasoned pro, there is sure to be something to expand your Canvas knowledge!



CANVAS TIPS

NEED HELP WITH YOUR COURSE DESIGN?

As the semester progresses, remember that ITLE teaching support specialists are happy to assist. You can reach out to kdickey@okstate.edu or gina.morris@okstate.edu for assistance.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT TEACHING ONLINE?

Contact ITLE for assistance with your online teaching questions.

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