The Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning (CITL) is a central campus unit under the Office of the Provost. With a staff skilled in everything from accessibility to zoom, our mission is to explore and promote innovative teaching and learning practices that support faculty, staff, and students in all modalities. With the return to campus this fall, we will again be offering both live and virtual workshops, as well as drop-in office hours and individual consultations to help you create transformative learning experiences.

Live and Virtual Workshops on Teaching & Learning

One of the highlights of the semester is the long-running Faculty Series on Teaching & Learning. Join a dynamic learning community that meets every Wednesday at 11:30 starting on September 15.

Another highlight is the popular Art of Teaching Seminar Series held virtually on the first Thursdays of the month showcasing exemplary faculty in all disciplines. Starts September 9.

Our hands-on workshops on a wide range of topics offer something for everyone. Check the CITL Calendar for these, and many other practical teaching topics coming this fall:

- Helping Students Establish a Sense of Belonging in Class
- Active Learning Made Easy
- Designing Cooperative Learning Experiences
- The Power of Presentation
- Promoting Student Engagement in Online Learning
- ePortfolio for Learning Assessment
- Preparing to Teach in IFLEX Classrooms
- Using Informal Early Feedback (IEF)

Faculty Consultations

Experience has shown that having a short, individualized consultation with an expert can save you time and improve your teaching effectiveness. CITL staff will help you focus on the most important details to enhance student learning across all types of courses. Faculty, TAs, academic professionals, and post-docs can request a consultation to observe your teaching, review your instructional materials, help you collect and interpret student feedback, or introduce you to new and emerging technologies and teaching strategies. Contact us today.

The Instructional Support Team
CITL’s Instructional Support Team provides faculty-oriented support and training for educational technologies, especially the learning management systems and related tools such as iClicker, Zoom, and proctoring technology. We also serve as the concierge for CITL, so we are very happy to receive any and all questions and then connect you to the most appropriate responders. Contact us at citl-info@illinois.edu or visit us in person in room 156 of the Armory.

Online Teaching & Learning Resources

CITL strives to meet the changing needs of faculty by providing helpful resources on a wide variety of topics. Watch for our newly evolving CITL Website where you can quickly find answers to teaching problems, read about exemplary faculty, or connect to CITL staff. Other digital resources include grants for creating electronic textbooks using our fully accessible eText@Illinois platform, a new certificate program for anyone learning to teach online, and several self-paced online courses to help you learn Canvas, explore Hybrid Teaching, use ePortfolios for teaching, and more.

2021 Illinois Summer Teaching Institute

The Illinois Summer Teaching Institute took place this past June with the theme of Amplifying Student Learning Across Modalities. Presentation recordings and other related resources are now available and can be accessed by visiting https://summerteaching.web.illinois.edu/. I hope you will all take a moment to visit or re-visit the presentations. I hope, also, that you will share this information broadly. We want to ensure that all members of our campus community have the opportunity to benefit from the extraordinary expertise shared during ISTI 2021.

Canvas Training

If you haven’t explored Canvas yet, we encourage you to sign up for a workshop, or stop by our Canvas walk-in Support Hours beginning this fall at the TechHub in room 151A of the Armory. CITL’s Instructional Support Team also holds open office hours for Canvas support and training via Zoom. These occur every Wednesday from 1 to 2 pm and every Thursday from 11 am to noon, at this link: https://illinois.zoom.us/j/81470851355?pwd=N2FDcWZhenJsdhnlMEO2Y3Fwb1RBQT09

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