Center for Learning and Teaching

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Hello, and welcome to ODU! I’m M’hammed Abdous, director of the Center for Learning and Teaching. In the next few minutes, I’ll tell you about what CLT can do to assist you in your teaching effort.

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Here’s how you can reach me. We at CLT are eager to assist you in any way that we can.

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The Center for Learning and Teaching was established as “the Center for Learning Technologies” as part of the University’s 1994 strategic planning. The Center’s primary purpose at that time was to assist faculty with the appropriate use and integration of technology into the teaching/learning process. Today, CLT (with its new name) continues that mission, and works to create and sustain a culture of teaching excellence at ODU that will ultimately enhance the educational experience of our students. Therefore, the mission of The Center for Learning and Teaching is twofold: to support, promote, and enhance teaching, learning, and research ... and to foster innovation.

CLT offers a wide variety of services related to faculty support. Services include one-on-one consultation, instructional design, course design and development, individual course management mentoring, course Web site development, workshops, and the demonstration and evaluation of tools and technologies ... as well as the production of graphics and multimedia. As you can see, there is much available to you through CLT.

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CLT is organized into groups who specialize in a variety of services and work together to provide the best overall service to help you reach your goals or meet your needs. Our Graphics team provides professional design services to faculty and administrative staff for teaching, research, scholarly publications, conferences, seminars, and meetings. Their work has been recognized a number of times by a variety of different constituents.

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Instructional Design offers you the expertise of instructional designers and instructional technologists -- who provide professional design and development support for teaching and research. You may work with an instructional designer or a technologist as a one-on-one consultation, or as part of a project team for program or course development, or in a collaborative workshop with other faculty and staff members.

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Now that you know about our departments, I’ll introduce you to some of CLT’s services. First is Instructional Technology and Course Production. Course developers might work with you on a new course that’s never been taught, on the redesign of an existing course, or on a conversion from one delivery format to another (such as taking a course from a face-to-face class to hybrid or online delivery). Course development also involves integrating new teaching strategies or technologies into an existing course.

Your work with us on course development may be part of a full program initiative or part of your ongoing review and update of the course over time. To integrate new teaching strategies or technologies, you will work with an instructional designer or technologist. For full course development, you will work with a team at CLT which will incorporate both design and development.
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Multimedia Production offers you the services of multimedia designers who can provide complete multimedia design and production services for your courses or projects.

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Duplication services are available in Multimedia Duplication. Here, you can arrange for multiple copies of existing audio, video, CD-ROMs, or DVDs.

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In support of your course development, you may have materials that need to be converted to a digital format for use online. CLT’s Faculty Multimedia Lab offers both slide and document scanners, video converters, and software applications, as well as skilled staff members who will assist you in digitizing your teaching materials.

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In support of your course development, you will have the opportunity to attend workshops and seminars in CLT’s Faculty Development Lab. The events held in the Faculty Development Lab cover a wide spectrum of topics each semester on educational technologies -- such as building and managing your learning management system, implementing online testing, using audio and video in your courses, building activities to engage your students, and exploring new tools as they are added to the university’s suite of instructional tools for faculty.

And CLT offers additional opportunities for workshops and events are available to help you to stay abreast of instructional strategies and teaching skills, as well.

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CLT understands that your time is valuable -- and we strive to provide you with the tools you need and with timely information that will help you in your teaching effort. To that end, we have developed several online tools that are at your disposal around the clock.

Our 24/7 teachBANK is available to you at any time, and is filled with ideas that have worked for others, and we offer a variety of online orientations (for teaching online courses, and for using Adobe Connect, for example) that will help you whenever you need assistance. And you can look to CLT’s Knowledge Base to provide you with information and guidance, as well.

CLT’s online Faculty Development Event Registration and our Project Management site provide you direct access – so that you can register for workshops and seminars and so that you can initiate various types of projects at CLT. Our Syllabus Generator assists you in constructing a comprehensive learner-centered syllabus. CLT also offers online learning management system support, a Video Streaming Orientation, a Department Chair Orientation, an Adjunct Faculty Orientation, and the New Faculty and Administrators Orientation which you are now viewing.

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Three important annual programs sponsored by CLT are the Faculty Innovator Grants, the Summer Institute, and the Provost’s Conversations on Teaching and Learning Series. Each year, faculty are invited to submit proposals for Faculty Innovator Grants to allow them to explore the use of technology in their teaching and to consider learning issues that are targets for improvement and innovation. Each year, several grants are awarded to faculty who propose collaborative and innovative approaches to teaching and learning issues and who use new technologies or legacy technologies in new ways. Faculty Innovators have opportunities to share their results at faculty development events, at seminars, on the CLT web site, and at the Summer Institute.

CLT’s Faculty Summer Institute is our very well-attended annual conference event at which faculty from all disciplines at Old Dominion University and nearby institutions engage in a sustained inquiry into their teaching practices and uncover strategies to support student learning as they learn from the successful practices and innovations
of their peers. The Summer Institute will offer you opportunities to share your pedagogical expertise and methodologies and to view teaching in a reflective way, as an object of investigation.

And the Provost’s Conversations on Teaching and Learning Series also encourages dialogue among ODU’s faculty members. Watch for posters and University Announcements about these Conversations, and be sure to attend!

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We are eager to be of assistance to you in your teaching effort. It is easy to contact us at ODU’s Center for Learning and Teaching.

We encourage you to visit our Web site at clt.odu.edu or to contact us by email at clt@odu.edu

or by phone at 757-683-3172. And, of course, we’re on Facebook.

Again, we at CLT welcome you to ODU. We trust that, during your time with us, you’ll attend some of our workshops and events, and use our services. We look forward to meeting you!