Faculty Programs, Services & Resources

TEACHING+LEARNING
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UC San Diego

Who we are

At UC San Diego, we understand that teaching and learning are inseparable. The Teaching + Learning Commons helps instructors become better teachers through seminars, workshops and discussions about effective teaching methods and new instructional technologies. Students are provided a suite of experiential learning tools and services that help ensure their success at our campus, and beyond. A key goal of The Commons is to deliver an educational and overall experience that develops students who are capable of solving problems, leading, and innovating in a diverse and interconnected world.

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Programs, Services and Resources for Educators

CURRICULUM DESIGN

Get support in course design and redesign; feedback on designing effective, well-aligned learning outcomes and course assessments, and on creating active learning opportunities.

Engaged Teaching

✉ **engagedteaching@ucsd.edu**

COURSE-SPECIFIC ACTIVE LEARNING SUPPORT

Explore the use of course-specific peer learning assistants to facilitate active learning and engagement in discussion or lab sections.

Triton Achievement Partners

✉ **tritonachievementhub@ucsd.edu**

DIGITAL LEARNING

Get support for digital course development and production, including instructional design, online pedagogy and platform delivery.

Digital Learning

✉ **online@ucsd.edu**

ENGAGED LEARNING TOOLS

Post research, internship, and other experiential learning opportunities on the REAL portal, and officially recognize your students on the Co-Curricular Record (CCR).

Experiential Learning

✉ **elt@ucsd.edu**

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Request confidential consultations, classroom observations, small group evaluations, new faculty support and help facilitating learning communities.

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INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Explore the use of Appropriate, Relevant, and Meaningful (ARM) technology aligned with student learning outcomes to increase student engagement. Examples include student response systems (Poll Everywhere), Podcasts, Screen Casting, Social Media, Video Scribe, Stop Motion, Padlet, Mobile Technologies.

Engaged Teaching & Digital Learning

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PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Receive support on assessment at all levels (assessment framework, learning outcomes, instrument development, assignment design, data collection and analysis, evidence-based teaching and learning improvement).

Academic Assessment

✉ **yingxiong@ucsd.edu**

SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Explore teaching as a scholarly endeavor; develop hypotheses on teaching methods and create experimental design and data gathering instruments to prepare manuscripts for publication in scholarly, peer-reviewed journals.

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SYLLABUS GUIDANCE

Develop effective graphic and electronic syllabi for effective teaching.

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WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Integrate writing into courses using write-to-learn pedagogies for deeper student engagement; explore best practices for assignment design, grading or commenting on student work, and creating effective peer review activities.
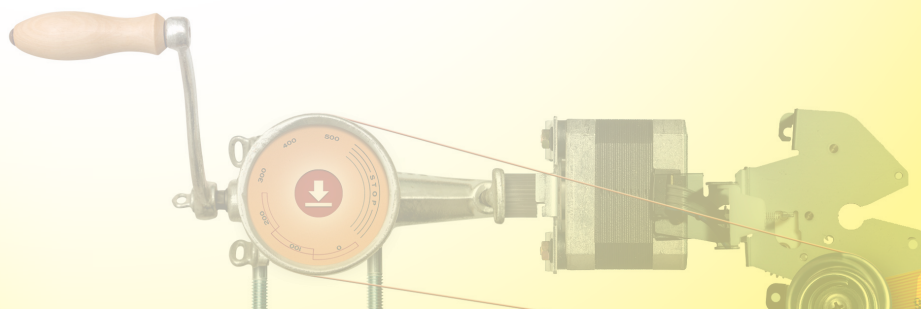
Writing + Critical Expression

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WRITING RETREATS

Enjoy distraction-free writing time in the supportive company of faculty and staff writers.

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Resources for Your Undergrads

ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
Opportunities for students to enrich learning with hands-on research and theory-to-practice academic internships, earning course credit while gaining professional experience. Faculty oversight required.

Experiential Learning
✉ **aipinfo@ucsd.edu**

CO-CURRICULAR RECORD (CCR)
Official record, which highlights experiences and skills developed in opportunities beyond the classroom, that students can print with their academic transcript. Faculty advisors may propose CCR opportunities to recognize students' co-curricular activities and competencies.

Experiential Learning
✉ **myccr@ucsd.edu**

LEARNING STRATEGIES WORKSHOPS & TUTORING
Using an evidence-based, metacognitive approach, students achieve a greater understanding of how they learn and gain strategies to be successful at the university level (in areas of time management, test performance, reading comprehension, concentration/memory, and stress reduction).

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & APPLIED LEARNING (REAL) PORTAL
Students can create a profile and search for research, internship, and other experiential learning opportunities. Faculty can post open student research positions and browse student profiles to find students to work in your lab and on research projects.

Experiential Learning
✉ **real@ucsd.edu**

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION
Students deepen learning and improve performance in challenging courses through peer-led collaborative learning sessions, which are supplemental to your instruction. SI sessions integrate how-to-learn with what-to-learn, fostering active student involvement. Currently offered for math, economics, and physics. Contact us to add SI to your course.

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TUTORING BY SUBJECT AREA
One-on-one and small group tutoring in a variety of subject areas available through the Teaching + Learning Commons. We can also train your TAs, IAs, and tutors in evidence-based, proven techniques.

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WRITING SKILLS TUTORING
One-on-one sessions with peer writing tutors for in-depth conversations, guidance, and reader response feedback.

Writing + Critical Expression
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For Graduate Students

GRADUATE WRITING RETREATS

Students enjoy distraction-free writing time with other grad students, plus mini-workshops and one-on-one feedback from writing staff.
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WRITING CONSULTATIONS

Students meet one-on-one with writing consultants for in-depth conversations, guidance, and reader-response feedback.
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THESIS/DISSERTATION WRITING GROUPS

Grad students connect to form supportive writing groups that are research-proven to aid in the timely completion of writing projects.
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For Graduate Teaching and Instructional Assistants

CONSULTATIONS & OBSERVATIONS

Meet one-on-one with a member of the Commons to address your questions and concerns. Schedule a teaching observation for non-judgmental feedback and suggestions to improve your teaching.
Engaged Teaching
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COURSES

Develop knowledge and skills in evidence-based effective teaching practices that support student learning through a quarter-long non-credit course. Current offerings include Survival Skills for TIAs and Introduction to College Teaching.
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

We test international graduate students proposed as TAs who have TOEFL speaking scores of 23–27, and we provide non-credit language classes for those who do not pass the test.
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ORIENTATION FOR NEW TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS (TIAS)

A brief introduction to practical teaching tools and strategies for engaging students, and key information all classroom leaders should know.
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SUMMER GRADUATE TEACHING SCHOLARS (SGTS)

Graduate students are mentored through their first undergraduate teaching experience after finishing a course on effective teaching strategies.
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TEACHING CHATS

Informal meet-ups to share collective experiences, ask questions, and discuss the philosophy and practice of teaching and learning in a relaxed setting. Occurring monthly in social venues around campus, with a different topic each month.
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WORKSHOPS & STUDIOS

One-hour to multiple-day offerings on topics relevant to TIAs and future faculty, such as Inclusive Teaching Tools, Teaching Statement Writing, Diversity Statement Writing, and Course Design.
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CAMSEE

Center for Advancing
Multidisciplinary Scholarship
for Excellence in Education

CAMSEE is a research, learning, and teaching
community focused on undergraduate education.
We welcome participation from all members of
UC San Diego who wish to contribute their experience
and expertise to advance pedagogy and discipline-based
educational research, while improving education.

• Welcoming participation from all educators
• Furthering collaboration across academic disciplines
• Presenting research on teaching and learning
• Promoting scholarship of teaching and learning

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