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Faculty Services

New faculty orientation

Each fall the Center, in conjunction with the three schools, organizes a New Faculty Orientation. This orientation introduces new faculty to the teaching culture at UC Merced. General questions such as "Who are UC Merced students?," "What academic support services are available on-campus?," and "How to enhance student learning?" will be addressed. On-going support services for TAs are available at the Center throughout the year.

- Fall 2008 Orientation
- Fall 2009 Orientation (available soon)

Workshops on effective teaching

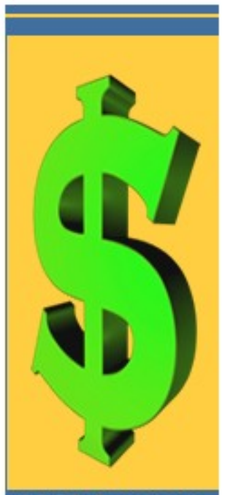
Throughout the academic year, the Center will offer various workshops for faculty focused on the scholarship of teaching, including topics like active learning, working with ESL students, using scoring rubrics, and others. Please check the Workshop Calendar for more details about upcoming workshops.

Student Assessment of Teaching And Learning (SATAL)

Faculty interested in gaining a better sense of their students' learning experience in their classes can request trained students to gather data on classroom activities. Click here for more information about the program.

Teaching Consultations

Personalized teaching consultations are available to individual faculty who would like help in the following areas:

- Clarifying learning goals and outcomes
- Designing/revising course syllabi
- Creating/updating teaching portfolios
- Videotaping a class session
- Managing classroom crises
- Developing tools for assessment and evaluation
- Other issues related to classroom teaching.

These consultations are designed to give new and experienced faculty feedback on their teaching, and to provide an opportunity to discuss teaching strategies in relation to classroom teaching goals. Faculty who are teaching in a new format or setting, or are unaccustomed to the American classroom, or are simply interested in improving their teaching are also encouraged to use this resource to consider different techniques in light of their pedagogical goals. Any member of the faculty who is teaching a course or planning to teach a course may choose to consult the Center on issues related to classroom teaching. For an appointment, please contact us at crte@ucmerced.edu or call 209-228-7950.