



CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES TO UNIVERSITY TEACHING

AN OPEN ACCESS MOOC FOR THE AUSTRALIAN HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

This free, teaching induction Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) provides key introductory learning and teaching concepts and strategies for those in their first few years of university teaching. The self-paced MOOC is comprised of 11 expert-developed modules and several specialty modules and resources (see course structure overleaf).

Institutions providing learning and teaching professional development can learn how other universities are using the MOOC in the 'How universities are using the MOOC' section on the [Fellowship website](#).

Topics include:

- Teaching your first class
- Planning for learning
- Feedback for learning
- Scholarly teaching and the scholarship of teaching
- Designing, implementing and supporting online learning
- Curriculum design
- Assessment
- Collaborative learning
- Teaching today's diverse learners
- Quality assurance and our responsibilities
- Learning and teaching theories

Resources and specialty topics include:

- Teaching mathematics
- Work Integrated Learning
- The politics of Australian higher education
- Managing student teams
- Sessional staff
- Your professional wellbeing
- A guide for librarians

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This course is for you if you:

- are new to teaching
- have been teaching for several years and would like to review topics to advance your teaching, e.g. scholarly teaching
- are interested in scoping some modules for your institution's professional development program,
- are a sessional, contracted or continuing academic

Course dates: 4 February – 20 June 2020
1 July – 31 December 2020

Enrolments: Close 2 weeks prior to course end

Format: Online

Time: Approx. 2 hours / module

Cost: Free

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Collaboration and development

- Developed by 36 content-expert colleagues from 20 Australian universities and one UK university.
- A collaboration between 10 Australian universities.

Delivery and participation

- 24 educational institutions from seven countries have asked for and received the MOOC content.
- 3,800 plus participants from 60 countries since 2018.

Recognition

- 2018 Finalist with Distinction of the Australasian Academic Development Good Practice Awards.

Testimonials

"I am getting limited support from the faculty... so I was super excited to find your MOOC [which is] just what I need!"

New sessional teacher, Canada, December 2018

"Thank you for your mooc Contemporary Approaches to University Teaching...In my personal opinion, your course is my mooc of this year 2019 and I hope to follow you again next year!"

Teacher, Ivory Coast, December 2019

"We have recommended your excellent MOOC to our teaching foundations program participants as an option for one of the four assessment tasks they are required to complete."

University of New South Wales, Australia, April 2018

Course structure

ORIENTATION WEEK

Teaching your first class

SEMESTER

WEEK 2

Planning for learning

WEEK 3

Feedback for learning

WEEK 4

Learning and teaching theories

WEEK 5

Designing, implementing and supporting online learning

WEEK 6

Curriculum design

WEEK 7

Assessment

WEEK 8

Collaborative learning

WEEK 9

Teaching today's diverse learners

WEEK 10

Quality assurance and our responsibilities

WEEK 11

Scholarly teaching and the scholarship of teaching

Glossary

DOCUMENTS

Sessional staff

Your professional wellbeing

A guide for librarians

SPECIALTY MODULES

Teaching mathematics

Work Integrated Learning

The politics of Australian higher education

Managing student teams