Online Teaching Coaching Newsletter: Spring 2021

By subscribing to the Stearns Center Online Teaching Coaching Newsletter, you will receive a newsletter issue about every 2 weeks during Spring 2021 semester. In each newsletter, you will receive tips, guidance and resources concerning a specific online teaching topic. For the first month, you’ll receive a weekly newsletter. Then you will receive the newsletter about every 2 weeks. Occasionally you may receive a special issue of the newsletter (i.e., outside of the biweekly sequence) or a two-part issue. If you have a special request for online teaching information that you’d like to receive in a future issue, please contact stearns@gmu.edu. We will add your requested topic to the Newsletter list, create a special issue of the Online Teaching Coaching Newsletter, and send it out to all subscribers.

You will receive the Online Teaching Coaching Newsletters throughout the Spring 2021 semester (from late January – mid-May 2021). The Newsletter will be available to you as a downloadable PDF, so that you may save and refer to the online teaching topics when you find that you need the information. The first issue of the Spring 2021 Online Teaching Coaching Newsletter will be emailed to you during the first week of classes.

Tentative List of Online Teaching Topics for the Newsletter Spring 2021

Here is sample list of potential Online Teaching Topics which we may feature in upcoming Online Teaching Coaching Newsletters this semester. The topics are listed in alphabetic order, and not in the order that will be sent to you during the semester. The specific topics we’ll cover depend on YOU and your needs and interests. Let us know what you’d like to learn more about!

- Academic Integrity Online
- Active Learning Strategies Online
- Checking for Online Quality
- Compassionate Teaching Online
- Group Work Online
- Inclusive Teaching Online
- Lessons Learned from Teaching Online
- Online Learner Engagement and Interaction
- Preparing Students for Online Learning
- Refreshing Blackboard Skills to Teach Online
- Testing and Proctoring Online Exams (using available tools and technology)
- Time Management for Online Teaching
- Using Videos for Learner Interaction and Engagement
Is Your Online Course Ready?

Even though Spring semester has started, you still may be building your online course. Does your course have the essential elements for a quality online course?

See the Stearns Center website for a detailed Online Course Readiness Checklist. The checklist represents an inventory of important elements of an online course, based on national standards of online practice and instructional design principles.

Check out Online Course Readiness Checklist for more information.

Want More Resources for Online Teaching?

Please see our updated Stearns Center website for resources for online teaching, including teaching tips for Blackboard, webinars, and workshops. We will be updating our webpages regularly, so check back for new information and resources. Check “Teaching in Spring 2021”, “Teaching Online” and “Webinars & Trainings” from the buttons on our home page. See: https://stearnscenter.gmu.edu/

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