University Resources for Teaching Online

The Great and Good Strategic Plan 2030 highlights teaching in the 21st century and supporting teaching and learning in different modalities. If you are interested in creating digital assets for your course or converting parts of your course to be online, whether synchronous or asynchronous, there are resources to support you.

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1) Communities of Practice (CoP) for instructional design and online teaching and learning: These CoP have members across the University, Collab sites with lots of resources, and email listservs.

2) Media Studios: Looking for somewhere to film content that is quiet with good lighting and expertise close by? There are media studios open to all at Clemons Library and the Claude Moore Health Library. Additionally, there are School-based resources for faculty in the College, Curry, Darden, McIntire, Medicine, SCPS, and Engineering.

3) Sound Studios: There are sound studios available to be used in Clemons Library and Claude Moore Health Library. Additionally, School-based resources are available.

4) Equipment: Equipment is available to rent at Clemons Library. Training may be required.

5) Professional Development: Are you interested in learning more about teaching with technology? There is a self-paced online class How to Teach Online and online workshops through the Online Learning Consortium (OLC) and Quality Matters (QM). The workshops are usually for one week with mostly asynchronous materials.

6) Events: The University hosts two events annually, the Teaching with Technology Summit in October and the Innovations in Pedagogy Summit in May. These events are opportunities to network with peers and learn about different projects across Grounds.

7) Software: ITS Software Gateway lists the institutional licensed software products. Zoom is licensed by the University. Other tools such as Screencast-O-Matic are free tools that are not centrally managed. Please make sure any tool you use with students is accessible.

8) Platforms: The institutional learning management system (LMS) is Collab. Several schools use different LMS solutions with most online programs using Canvas. Coursera is the institutional platform for massive open online courses (MOOCs).

9) Committees: Teaching and Learning with Technology Committee (TLT) and the Online Learning Advisory Committee (OLA) provide support for online and hybrid learning.

10) Institutional Memberships: Regional memberships include the Instructional Development Educational Alliance Exchange (IDEAx), which is focused on instructional design, and Networked Learning Collaborative of Virginia (NLCVa), which is a network of 13 institutions in Virginia. NLCVa meets monthly and does provide scholarships for events and training related to online learning. National memberships include the OLC, QM, UPCEA, and Educause. For any of these national organizations, you can sign up for events, news, and professional development at a discounted member rate.