RESOURCES for Better Teaching and Student Learning

Academy of Teaching Excellence
College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Purpose

This document describes instructional resources available in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) and at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. It can be used as a starting point to access a wide variety of resources for teaching. These resources include campus personnel, printed information, instructional facilities and equipment, funding sources, seminars and web sites related to instructional support and development.
College of ACES Resources

Departmental Teaching Offices, Telephone Numbers and Web Sites

Agricultural and Biological Engineering 3-3570
Undergraduate Programs, Al Hansen 3-2969
Graduate Programs, Yuanhui Zhang 3-2693
http://www.abe.illinois.edu

Agricultural and Consumer Economics 3-8859
Undergraduate Programs, John Braden 3-5501
Graduate Programs, Alex Winter-Nelson 4-1381
http://www.ace.illinois.edu

Agricultural Education Program 3-3165
Undergraduate Programs, Brandy Krapf 5-5629
Graduate Programs, Richard Clark 4-6909
http://www.aged.illinois.edu

Agricultural Communications Program 4-3682
Interim Director, Katie Abrams
Student Services 4-4329
http://www.agcomm.illinois.edu

Animal Sciences 3-3462
Undergraduate Programs, David Miller 3-3408
Graduate Programs, Sandra Rodriguez-Zas 3-8810
http://www.ansci.illinois.edu/

Crop Sciences 3-3420
Undergraduate Programs, Fred Kolb 3-9485
Graduate Programs, John Juvik 3-1966
http://www.cropsci.illinois.edu/

Food Science and Human Nutrition 4-4498
Undergraduate Programs, Terri Cummings 4-4405
Graduate Programs, Nicki Engeseth 4-6788
http://www.fshn.illinois.edu/

Human and Community Development 3-3790
Undergraduate Programs, Gerry Walter 3-9429
Graduate Programs, Ramona Oswald 3-2547
http://www.hcd.illinois.edu/

Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences 4-5937
Undergraduate Programs, Tim Marty 4-2917
Graduate Programs, Angela Kent 3-4216
http://www.nres.illinois.edu
Personnel and their major areas of responsibility
Associate Dean: Laurie Kramer, Academic Programs Administration
Assistant Deans: Jason Emmert, Student Development and Career Services
Kathryn Martensen, Admissions and Records
F. William Simmons, Curriculum and Honors
Jesse Thompson, Diversity Programs

ACES Facilities

ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center (LIAC)
1101 South Goodwin, Urbana 5-5032

Academic Computing Facility (supports computer literacy by providing state-of-the-art computers in the ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center. Open-lab facilities are available for students; it also can be used for classroom instruction.)
http://acf.aces.illinois.edu/ 024 ACES/LIAC

“Wired” Classrooms in ACES. The College, campus and departments have pooled resources to update classrooms with video projection capability, internet access, and other technology. The following classrooms are available for instruction:

103 Mumford Hall Agricultural and Consumer Economics
313 Mumford Hall Agricultural and Consumer Economics
150 ASL Animal Sciences
W-109 Turner Hall Crop Sciences
W-115 Turner Hall Crop Sciences
103 Bevier
108 Bevier
166 Bevier
180 Bevier
242 Bevier
328 Bevier Food Science and Human Nutrition
393 Bevier
W-109 Turner Hall Natural Resources and Env. Sciences
W-115 Turner Hall Natural Resources and Env. Sciences

Contact the department or Facility Management and Scheduling @ 333-1230 for classrooms. For equipment, contact CITES @ 333-8165.
Other ACES Resources

**Academy of Teaching Excellence** - The Academy encourages excellence in teaching in ACES by providing a forum for our best educators to interact and to provide leadership on teaching-related issues. [http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Faculty/academy_about.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Faculty/academy_about.cfm)

**ACES Undergraduate Research Program** – Since 1982, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences has supported the ACES Undergraduate Research Scholarship Program to provide research opportunities for upper-level undergraduate students who demonstrate superior academic ability and a strong interest in the agricultural and human sciences. [http://academics.aces.illinois.edu/honors/research-scholarship-program](http://academics.aces.illinois.edu/honors/research-scholarship-program)

**“Teaching College”** - A faculty development course has been designed by excellent teachers who are ACES faculty. Taught during the fall semester, the purpose of the course is to help faculty members and selected graduate students in the College execute effective and efficient instruction.

**ACES James Scholar Honors Program** - Provides opportunities for students to conduct research and design activities with faculty. [http://academics.aces.illinois.edu/honors/james-scholars](http://academics.aces.illinois.edu/honors/james-scholars)

**Teaching Development Seminars** - Another popular idea that came from Academic Programs, these seminars provide lunch and a program that addresses a variety of specific teaching methods, styles, questions, and needs. Usually about two are planned each semester.

**Resources Catalog** - Published by ACES Information Services, this catalog lists publications, videotapes, newsletters and magazines of interest to ACES faculty members.

. .and pamphlets galore! Stop by the Dean’s Office (227 Mumford Hall), or Academic Programs (128 Mumford Hall), or Student Development and Career Services (115 LIAC) and browse the pamphlet racks to find more information related to instruction in the College, as well as other topics of interest.

---

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Resources and Services on Campus**

**Center for Teaching Excellence** (CTE) [http://www.cte.illinois.edu/](http://www.cte.illinois.edu/)

**Instructional Development**

Services for faculty include (1) campus-wide workshops and reading groups, and workshops for academic units upon request; (2) a comprehensive Teaching Certificate program; (3) individual consultations on instruction, course, and curricular issues. Consultations may include informal early-semester feedback and classroom observations. Consultations on oral English communication skills are also available for non-native English speaking instructors. Sign up to receive bi-weekly email updates on programs and services: [http://cte.illinois.edu/programs/teach_cert/listserv.html](http://cte.illinois.edu/programs/teach_cert/listserv.html)

249 Armory 3-3370
Measurement and Evaluation
Provides (1) examination services for classroom tests (e.g. scoring exams, presenting test score distributions, item analyses, individualized student error sheets); (2) consultation on test construction; (3) instructor and course evaluations (ICES); (4) evaluation of instructional or curricular projects; and (5) placement and proficiency assessment services. http://cte.illinois.edu/index.html
249 Armory.

Resources for Teaching Assistants
- Graduate Academy for College Teaching (pre-semester program)
- Graduate Symposium on Office Hours and Grading (pre-semester program)
- Teaching Certificate program
- Oral English proficiency policies, testing, and other resources for international teaching assistants 3-3370

Service Learning  http://www.cte.illinois.edu/
CTE offers consultations on service learning course development, as well as workshops and other resources upon request. In addition, the Office of Volunteer Programs is a resource for identifying and developing community partnerships.  http://www.union.illinois.edu/ovp. 3-3370

Campus Information and Educational Services (CITES)
http://www.cites.illinois.edu/
Classroom Technologies (ClassTech) provides assistance and support for media equipment for classroom use, including Integrated Teaching Systems (ITS) classrooms. Academic Technologies is a resource for a variety of instructional technologies. Academic Technologies also provides core educational online services such as Illinois Compass.
1211 Digital Computer Lab, 1304 W. Springfield 4-7000

General Education
http://go.illinois.edu/Course.Explorer
Web site that contains current lists of general education courses.

Document Services  http://www.printing.illinois.edu/
Wide range of copying and printing options including CD-ROM duplication, document scanning, lamination and mounting, binding, and University of Illinois stationery.
54 East Gregory Drive 3-9350

Writers Workshop  http://www.cws.illinois.edu/workshop/
Provides writing tutoring for students, faculty, and staff either by appointment or during regularly scheduled hours in multiple locations across campus including the Undergraduate Library, Grainger Library, Burrill Hall, and Ikenberry Commons. 3-8796
Workshops to Look for:

“Workshops and Reading Groups on Teaching and Learning” Many topics, including service learning, assessment of teaching and learning, active learning – and many others! 3-3370

“Faculty Retreat” The Office of the Provost, in conjunction with the Center for Teaching Excellence each January or February http://www.cte.illinois.edu/programs/faculty.html 3-3370

“CITES Teaching Showcase Brown Bag Series” http://www.cites.illinois.edu/events/index.html

“ACES Teaching Symposium” Offered through the College of ACES usually before the start of the fall semester. 3-3380

Grant Opportunities to Look for:

National Science Foundation http://www.nsf.gov/funding/ Provides funding under the Directorate for Education and Human Resources for promoting excellence in undergraduate education

USDA Higher Education Challenge Grants http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/education/education.cfm Provides funds to stimulate and encourage colleges and universities to provide quality education for baccalaureate programs.

ACES Teaching Enhancement Grants Grants up to $2,000 are available on a competitive basis, usually announced at the start of each semester. Laurie Kramer, 125 Mumford Hall, lfkramer@illinois.edu 3-3380

Provost’s Initiative on Teaching Advancement (PITA) http://www.provost.illinois.edu/committees/tab/pita.html

Some Helpful Campus Publications

Code of Policies and Regulations Applying to All Students: The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: http://admin.illinois.edu/policy/code/ Includes Academic Integrity rules

Teaching Students with Disabilities: A Practical Guide. Prepared by the Division of Rehabilitation Education Services, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign/Rehab Center. http://disability.illinois.edu/academic-support/ 3-1970

Helping Distressed and Distressing Students: http://www.counselingcenter.illinois.edu/ 3-3704
The Graduate College Handbook of Policy and Requirements for Students, Faculty and Staff: The Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign/204 Coble Hall
http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/ 3-0035

Illinois Courses Online: Office of Continuing Education. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign/901 W. University, Suite 201
http://www.oce.illinois.edu 3-1462

Academic Advising Referral Handbook: The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, The Housing Division
http://www.housing.illinois.edu/advisingHB/ 3-7111

First-year Discovery Course Catalog: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Office of the Provost
http://provost.illinois.edu/programs/discovery/ 3-6677

Internet Sites to Visit

College of ACES Home Pages
http://www.aces.illinois.edu

UIUC Timetables
http://courses.illinois.edu/cis/

UIUC Course Catalog
http://courses.illinois.edu/cis/

Center for Teaching Excellence
http://cte.illinois.edu/

Campus Information Technologies and Educational Services (CITES)
http://www.cites.illinois.edu/

ACES Academic Computing Facility
http://acf.aces.illinois.edu/

Writers Workshop
http://www.cws.illinois.edu/workshop/

Campus-Wide Instructional Awards – Nominations typically due to College in January.
http://provost.illinois.edu/programs/awards/instruction.html

Graduate College
http://www.grad.illinois.edu/

Instructions for Preparing Promotion Papers (Communication No. 9)
http://provost.illinois.edu/Communication/09/index.html
Prepared by:

Academy of Teaching Excellence
College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Send comments or suggestions to:
Laurie Kramer, Associate Dean, Academic Programs

Updated August 2012