CTL FALL '25

SEPTEMBER

05 **Brightspace Express Foundations 1: Content, Communication, and Grades**
1:00-3:30 p.m. - Livestreaming
Facilitator: Laura Osborne

19 **Brightspace Express Foundations 2: Discussions, Dropboxes, and Quizzes**
1:00-3:30 p.m. - Livestreaming
Facilitator: Laura Osborne

25 **Qualtrics 2025**
1:00-2:00 p.m. - Livestreaming
Facilitator: Theunis Oliphant

Did you miss one of these sessions but want the information? Reach out to the facilitator to see if session materials are available.

OCTOBER

02 **Microsoft Tools for Teaching**
12:00-1:00 p.m. - Livestreaming
Facilitator: Theunis Oliphant

08 **Brightspace Tools for Student Nudges**
1:00-2:00 p.m. - Livestreaming
Facilitator: Laura Osborne

22 **Teaching with Intention**
2:00-3:00 p.m. - Livestreaming
Facilitator: Cindy Kilpatrick

29 **Teaching Tips - Building Community in Online Courses**
1:00-2:00 p.m. - Livestreaming
Facilitator: Javier Vega

NOVEMBER

06 **From Distracted to Connected: Building Classroom Community for Focus & Engagement**
2:00-3:00 p.m. - Face-to-face
Steen Library, Room 205
Facilitators: Hollie Beauchamp and Kelsey Wigand

13 **Faculty Activity Report (FAR) Workshop**
2:00-3:00 p.m. - Livestreaming
Facilitator: Laura Osborne

20 **Fostering Online Discussions**
1:00-2:00 p.m. - Livestreaming
Facilitator: Emily Dodson

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Brightspace Express Foundations 1: Content, Communication, and Grades
· Using the Content tool to create, add, and organize your course modules and materials
· Communicating with students in Brightspace
· Using the Classlist tool to easily send emails, view student login history, view student progress, and more
· Setting up and organizing a gradebook
· Entering grades and feedback on the Grades screen

Brightspace Express Foundations 2: Discussions, Dropboxes, and Quizzes
· Creating, replying to, and grading discussions
· Creating and grading dropbox assignments
· Creating common types of quiz questions
· Constructing quizzes, including randomization and question pools, time limits, availability, questions per page, and more

Brightspace Tools for Student Nudges
In this session, we'll take a look at tools and techniques for nudging your students in Brightspace, including strategic use of news announcements, release conditions, intelligent agents, and more. Note: This session counts towards fulfillment of the Advanced Topics in Brightspace certificate.

Faculty Activity Report (FAR) Workshop
Learn more about the Faculty Activity Report (FAR), including recommendations for where and how to list your credentials, achievements, research and scholarship, teaching, service, and professional development.

Fostering Online Discussions
Explore strategies to create authentic, engaging conversations in your Brightspace course. Participants will learn how to encourage genuine student interaction, build a sense of community, and foster human-centered dialogue in the age of AI.

From Distracted to Connected: Building Classroom Community for Focus & Engagement
Learn how building classroom community can lower distractions and improve student focus. This session presents research-based insights from *Distracted* and *Small Teaching* while demonstrating practical, easy-to-implement strategies you can apply immediately. Leave with ideas and activities that promote student connection, engagement, and attention.

Microsoft Tools for Teaching
Join Theunis in this online, two-part Microsoft Suite training, the first of which focuses on teaching, introducing faculty to five key applications that can enhance instruction in the higher education classroom. Participants will explore what the 5 tools do, how they function, and practical strategies for using them to streamline course management, foster collaboration, and create more engaging and interactive learning experiences. The session will provide concrete examples and hands-on practice to help faculty integrate M365 into their teaching to support student success.
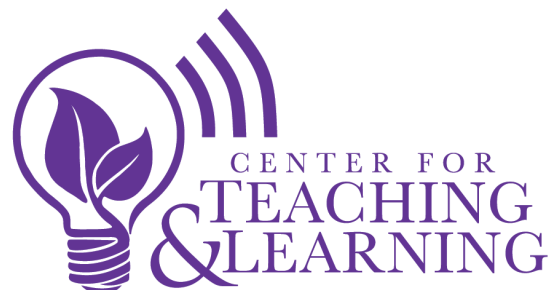
Qualtrics 2025
Building surveys and quizzes in Qualtrics has never been easier. Join Theunis as he walks through setting up a Qualtrics account, creating and launching a Qualtrics survey, and analyzing and visualizing the data. This session is useful for faculty, staff, and graduate students using Qualtrics for in-class research projects.

Teaching Tips – Building Community in Online Courses
This session explores practical teaching techniques and tips, including quick and effective strategies to encourage student participation and cultivate a community of engaged learning. Participants will learn about assignment design and group work, building community, and more.

Teaching with Intention
Effective teaching doesn't happen by accident—it begins with purposeful planning. This session will guide faculty through strategies for designing lessons that align objectives, activities, and assessments in meaningful ways. We will explore practical approaches to structuring class time, fostering student engagement, and integrating flexibility to meet learner needs, and discuss how AI can support our lesson planning process. Participants will leave with tools to plan lessons that are both intentional and impactful.

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