University of Missouri - St. Louis

Center for Teaching & Learning

Mission Statement

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), a division of the Office of Academic Affairs, enhances the culture of teaching and learning and sponsors professional development programs for faculty and graduate students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The center creates opportunities for those involved in instruction to meet formally and informally to learn and to support each other in the scholarship of teaching and learning. Enhancing the quality of undergraduate and graduate education is a priority in the Action Plan of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The Center's goals:

- Promote teaching as an important function of a public metropolitan research university
- Be a catalyst for achieving the campus' retention and growth goals by promoting the values of teaching
- Encourage strategies that engage students in active learning such as collaborative activities, group and cooperative learning, undergraduate research, and problem-based instruction.
- Promote collegiality through mentoring and sharing expertise among the faculty and teaching assistants across the University's seven colleges and its north and south campuses
- Promote the appropriate integration of instructional technology into the classroom to support effective teaching and aid student learning
- Prepare future faculty in higher education by fostering interest, offering programs, and assisting departments in preparing graduate students to assume the responsibilities of teaching
- Encourage faculty, staff, and teaching assistants to participate in disciplinary and national conversations about teaching, student learning, and professional development.
- To support the academic success of faculty across their responsibilities to teach, research, and serve
- To support the responsibilities academic leaders have for the professional development of their colleagues

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