Pitt’s Mission:

• Provide **high-quality undergraduate programs** in the arts and sciences and professional fields, with emphasis upon those of special benefit to the citizens of Pennsylvania;

• Offer **superior graduate programs** in the arts and sciences and the professions that respond to the needs of Pennsylvania, as well as to the broader needs of the nation and the world;

• Engage in research, artistic, and scholarly activities that **advance learning** through the extension of the frontiers of knowledge and creative endeavor;

• Cooperate with industrial and governmental institutions to **transfer knowledge** in science, technology, and health care;

• Offer **continuing education programs** adapted to the personal enrichment, professional upgrading, and career advancement interests and needs of adult Pennsylvanians; and

• Make available to **local communities** and **public agencies** the expertise of the University in ways that are consistent with the **primary teaching** and research functions and contribute to social, intellectual, and economic development in the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world.
The Teaching Center’s Mission:

The mission of The Teaching Center is to inspire excellence and innovation in teaching, learning and scholarly activities at the University of Pittsburgh. The University Center for Teaching and Learning endeavors to achieve this mission by:

- Providing expertise in **instructional design and development**
- Developing and **supporting teaching and learning environments**
- Effectively applying current and emerging **instructional technologies**
- Delivering services for the **assessment, measurement and evaluation of teaching**
- **Collaborating** with University partners and external colleagues
- Delivering professional creative and production **services for University events and activities**
- Providing **superior service** to the University community
Learning results from what the student does and thinks and only from what the student does and thinks. The teacher can advance learning only by influencing what the student does to learn.

--Herbert A. Simon
The Teaching Center is Here for You!

- Teaching Support
- Educational Software and Consulting
- Online and Hybrid Learning
- Assessment
- Classrooms and Learning Environments
- Academic Services
A few things to get started...

http://teaching.pitt.edu

教学@pitt.edu

https://teaching.pitt.edu/newsletter/

@PittTeaching
We can help you to:

- Design your course
- Integrate technology
- Improve your syllabus
- Apply specific pedagogical strategies
- Create instructional videos
- Assess or interpret teaching assessment results
- Consult on teaching grant proposals
- Much more...

Teaching Consultants:

teaching@pitt.edu

https://teaching.pitt.edu/teaching-support/
Topics address pedagogy; educational technology; and EDI practices. For example:

- Introduction to Canvas, Part 1, Part 2, Part 3
- Top Five Canvas Integrations for Course Innovation
- Using Gradescope (Online, Hybrid, In-Person)
- Active Learning with Top Hat Classroom
- Mentoring Academy
- Interpreting and Using Midterm Survey Feedback
- Teaching Inclusively

Live and Asynchronous Workshops: teaching.pitt.edu/workshops
Media Creation Lab
Develop your own multimedia content

DIY Resource Creation
- Podcasts
- Interviews
- Instructional videos
- Lightboard

Full Training and Support
- Classroom Services
- Consultations

Located in Alumni Hall room B-25
Reservations: https://teaching.pitt.edu/media-creation-lab/
Classroom Services
- Classroom technology training and consultations
- Classroom support helpline and email
- Equipment loans and rentals
- Media conversion / digitization
- Hybrid video conferencing
- Lecture capture

The Learning Space Design Team is an engineering group part of the Teaching Center and responsible for the Design and Development of learning spaces.

Classroom and Learning Environments:
https://teaching.pitt.edu/classroom-services/
Open Lab

Technology for Innovation and Exploration

https://teaching.pitt.edu/open-lab/

Current Technologies:
- Virtual reality
- 360-degree video
- 3D printing
- Vinyl cutting
- Laser cutting and engraving

Our Makerspace Locations:
- Alumni Hall, B-12
- Hillman Library, G7 (collaboration with University Library System [ULS])
Assessment of Teaching Initiative
https://teaching.pitt.edu/assessment-of-teaching/

• Consultations and resources to help academic units and faculty assess, interpret, and improve teaching
• Annual Assessment and Teaching Conference
Office of Measurement and Evaluation of Teaching (OMET)

- Customizable mid and end-of-term surveys
- OMET question library: [https://teaching.pitt.edu/omet/question-library/](https://teaching.pitt.edu/omet/question-library/)
MIDTERM COURSE SURVEYS

• I appreciated learning about teaching strategies that were effective for students and opportunities to enhance their understanding.

• Students appreciate knowing that you are listening to them.

• Help identify early problems.

Request a midterm course survey – Sept. 6 to Oct. 7.

Attend our faculty workshop on Sept. 26 to learn more about gathering, interpreting, and using midterm student feedback.
Center for Mentoring

- Workshops
- Mentor Academy
  - Training
  - Earn a credential

https://teaching.pitt.edu/center-for-mentoring/
Equity, diversity, and inclusion workshops and resources

Provost’s Diversity Institute for Faculty Development

https://teaching.pitt.edu/diversity/
Faculty Learning Communities

• Sustained, collaborative faculty development experiences
• Typically meet 2-3 times per term
• Faculty-driven agendas
• Idea exchange
• Focused on teaching

Topics:
• Teaching Partners
• Large Enrollment FLC
• Equity and Inclusion

https://teaching.pitt.edu/learning-communities/
EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE CONSULTING

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What We Support: Enterprise Educational Software

**Enterprise:** Purchased by the university for use by all university instructors and students

**Educational:** Applications used wholly or mostly for the delivery of instruction and/or assessments

**Software:** We call the same people you do when our computers break!
What We Don’t Support (And Who Does)

**University-purchased computers:** Your department or school’s IT staff, or Pitt IT

**Classroom Technology:** Depends on who “owns” the classroom. ClassroomServices@pitt.edu can help find out.

**Your Pitt Account:**

- Zoom: Pitt IT (412-624-HELP)

**Microsoft Products:**
Important Information

- For the most part, a Pitt user ID is **required** to access Pitt educational software, including Canvas courses.

- All courses in the course catalogue are **automatically** given a shell in Canvas several months prior to the start of the term.

- If you do not see your course in Canvas, it is likely you have not been enrolled by your department as the instructor yet.
The Faculty Center is where you:
• see info about your course and roster
• record final course grades and is part of PeopleSoft.
What Educational Software is Available at Pitt?

• Canvas is our Learning Management System

• Most other educational software at Pitt integrates with Canvas and some can also be used stand-alone.

• Student experience is enhanced by having a standardized and limited number of different technologies they need to learn to use.
What should I use for...

...communicating with my students before and during the term?

Before your course is published in Canvas, send emails out of your Faculty Center roster. After you publish, use Canvas Announcements and Inbox Messages.
What should I use for...

...making videos at home in order to share them with my student to watch on their own time (asynchronous video)?

**Panopto** is Pitt’s video creation, hosting and streaming platform. You can make videos with the recorder or upload videos you’ve already made to easily share in your Canvas course.
What should I use for...

...having online class meetings or virtual office hours with my students?

**Zoom** is available for all faculty, staff and students. It integrates with Canvas so your students can easily find the links to the meetings being held in each of their courses.
What should I use for...

...choosing to provide a recorded version of online class meetings for students who were unable to attend live?

Zoom and Panopto are integrated! All recorded Zoom meetings are automatically uploaded to Panopto. Pitt IT has more info on where to find those uploaded recordings.
What should I use for...

...disciplines where paper-and-pencil work is still important, but I want to grade electronically?

Gradescope allows either you or your students to upload images/scans of their paper-and-pencil work for you to be able to grade online with a dynamic rubric tool.
What should I use for...

...polling my students during class, or involving them in active learning?

**Top Hat** is available to all Pitt courses as a student response system that works either live in the classroom or online.