

UNIS course in University Teaching and Learning 2023-2024

Description and Course Content

This University Pedagogy course is offered at UNIS and is typically offered every other year. This course, combined with some additional professional development activities, is one of the ways that UNIS staff can meet the requirement to achieve their basic pedagogical competence. Instructional staff, including postdoctoral fellows and PhD researchers, are welcome to join the course.

The course is highly participatory and includes many active and engaged learning practices such as peer discussion, case studies, practical work sessions, peer feedback and individual writing and reflection. If you join the course, you can expect our meetings to typically be focused on actively working together. Lectures will be infrequent, and instructors expect that participants will arrive at the course prepared to engage and contribute to their own and their peers' learning. Previous course participants frequently identified the value of being able to have sustained discussion with peers about teaching and to experiment with collaborative and engaging learning methods in the course.

The content of the course is drawn from research on teaching and learning and is designed to cover varied aspects of teaching work (including course and curriculum design, instructional strategies, assessment and feedback, and supervision). Topics include:

- Theoretical frameworks for understanding learning and teaching
- Integrated course design / constructive alignment
- Learning outcomes
- Assessment (formative, summative and authentic)
- Equity and accessibility in teaching
- Active learning strategies (interactive lectures, flipped classroom, fieldwork, facilitation of group work)
- Research supervision
- Peer feedback on teaching

Schedule

The course consists of two weeklong meetings (at UNIS) combined with shorter online meetings (on Zoom/Teams); the following meetings are scheduled for 2023/24:

- 4th October 2023, kl. 13:00 – 15:00
 - Online meeting on Zoom
- 23rd–27th October 2023, Monday-Thursday 9.00-15.30, Friday 9.00-12.00
 - In person, UNIS
- 12th–16th February 2024, Monday-Thursday 9.00-15.30, Friday 9.00-12.00
 - In person, UNIS
- Late April 2024, TBD
 - Online meeting on Zoom

This UNIS course in university teaching and learning covers 120 hours of the total 200-hour requirement for the required *Basic competence in university teaching and learning*. The remaining 80 hours will be offered by several other, shorter courses offered by UNIS or other institutions. Participants must be proactive in pursuing opportunities for this remaining development.

Requirements

Please be aware that a minimum of 80% attendance is mandatory. In addition to participation, course participants are expected to complete some preparation tasks (reading course texts, writing assignment, surveys, etc.). A schedule for the course and material for preparation will be distributed no less than three weeks prior to the course.

Registration and Contact

Please register for the course before October 1st, 2023, by sending an e-mail with your name and affiliation to Robert Kordts at robert.kordts@uib.no.

We are looking forward to meeting you in October 2023.

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