

Overview

In this Seminar, faculty will discuss various approaches which could improve student learning and teaching practices; use their experiences to demonstrate and/or analyze issues relevant to teaching and learning; reflect on their teaching practices in the context of topics presented; and develop teaching materials based on Seminar sessions. The Seminar sessions will be interactive, facilitated in an atmosphere of collegiality.

Learning Outcomes

In this seminar, faculty will

1. Discuss different teaching methods to improve student learning;
2. Start a dialogue on what teaching excellence is and how we can measure it ;
3. Have a forum to discuss with colleagues teaching learning issues in higher education.

Conduct of Seminar

The Seminar will meet once a week for five weeks in a collaborative learning environment. Each segment will be facilitated by a discussion leader from among our colleagues and will be attended by participants from different disciplines to provide a diversified base for discussion of Seminar topics. Participants will review readings that will provide theory and "expert" advice; they will also share their own ideas and experiences with their colleagues, design various instructional activities and develop their strategies for assessing learning outcomes. Using discussion, interaction, hands-on activities, and group presentations, the Seminar will build on what faculty members know as well as on an array of approaches that will serve current needs and future developments. The atmosphere is collegial and intended to encourage open exchange among AUB Faculty about approaches to teaching so that we can benefit from each others' experiences.

Resources

Resources are available in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Ada Dodge Hall, second floor.

Seminar Outline

Week 1 – Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Using Technology Effectively in Our Courses

Facilitator: Mr. John MacLean

Week 2 - Tuesday, April 28, 2009

What is Teaching Excellence & how can we measure it?

Facilitator: Dr. Saouma BouJaoude

Week 3 - Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Interactive Lecturing in Large Classes

Facilitator: Dr. Malek Tabbal

Week 4- Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Peer Observation and Feedback

Facilitator: Dr. Bashshar Haydar

Week 5- Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Problem- Based Learning

Facilitator: Dr. Ghassan Hamadeh

Week 6- May 26, 2009

Seminar evaluation; Dinner hosted by CTL

Facilitators: Dr. W. Nasr

Dr. A. BouZeineddine