How to Get Involved

Development of the Teaching Commons is guided by the Teaching Commons Advisory Committee, a group of faculty and professional staff dedicated to maintaining faculty space and resources on campus.

We encourage faculty to establish regular programs in the Commons, for example:

- Technologies or methods currently used in your teaching
- Engaging students
- Student-centered teaching

If you are interested in creating an ongoing program or in serving on the Teaching Commons Advisory Committee, please contact: teachcommons@library.umass.edu

Campus Partnerships

Located centrally on the Amherst campus in the W.E.B. Du Bois Library, the Teaching Commons is a concept and space maintained through a partnership that stretches across the university:

- Center for Teaching & Faculty Development (CTFD)
  www.umass.edu/ctfd
- Office of Information Technologies (OIT)
  www.oit.umass.edu
- UMass Amherst Libraries
  www.library.umass.edu/

Find Out More

Teaching Commons
Floor 26, Du Bois Library
154 Hicks Way
Amherst, MA 01003
Program schedule and hours of operation: www.library.umass.edu/teachingcommons
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A Collaborative Environment for Faculty to Share Knowledge and Ideas across Disciplines
What We Offer
Open for walk-in use, the Teaching Commons has the following resources available:

- Group meeting rooms (2 rooms, seats 4-5 comfortably each) with laptop hookup for screen display/shared view
- Projector and screen for small group presentations
- Trained student support staff
- Comfortable seating for reading and discussion
- Individual, private Mac and Windows workstations, for independent work – all with a full suite of software
- Windows laptop with Skype and headset

Programs for Faculty
The Teaching Commons collaborates with campus partners to host organized programs in both the Commons and in the adjacent conference room. Prior and current programs include:

- Faculty Writing Retreats
- Blended and Team Based Learning Seminars
- Copyright/Fair Use Discussions
- Preventing Student Plagiarism Using Turnitin
- Open Education Workshops
- Film/Media Use in the Curriculum
- Emerging Technology/Social Media Review
- Diversity in the Classroom

For a full listing of scheduled programming and hours of operation, visit: www.library.umass.edu/teachingcommons

Portal to Online Faculty Resources
The Teaching Commons website is your gateway to faculty resources on campus, including:

- Links to teaching resources
- Faculty mentoring and career advancement
- ScholarWorks Digital Repository
- Full schedule of faculty workshops
- Access to subject research liaisons for every discipline
- Links to Open Educational Resources

These resources are reviewed and maintained by the Teaching Commons Advisory Committee and Programming Team. To review the Teaching Commons online resources, visit: www.library.umass.edu/teachingcommons

Looking for more quiet?
The Faculty Writing Place on the 16th floor of the Du Bois Library provides a comfortable silent space conducive to independent research and writing. For more information, visit bit.ly/writingplace

Faculty have the opportunity and the space to work together

The Teaching Commons at UMass Amherst is a space for faculty to get together, collaborate and establish a shared community of teaching and research. The Teaching Commons website is a place where faculty can easily connect with support and services.