

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.umass.edu/ctfd)

Office of Information Technologies (OIT)  
[www.oit.umass.edu](http://www.oit.umass.edu)

UMass Amherst Libraries  
[www.library.umass.edu/](http://www.library.umass.edu/)



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## 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](http://www.library.umass.edu/teachingcommons)  
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Services & Resources

# Teaching Commons

**26** Floor 26, W.E.B. Du Bois Library



*A Collaborative Environment for  
Faculty to Share Knowledge and Ideas  
across Disciplines*

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## 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



*Faculty have the opportunity and the space to work together*

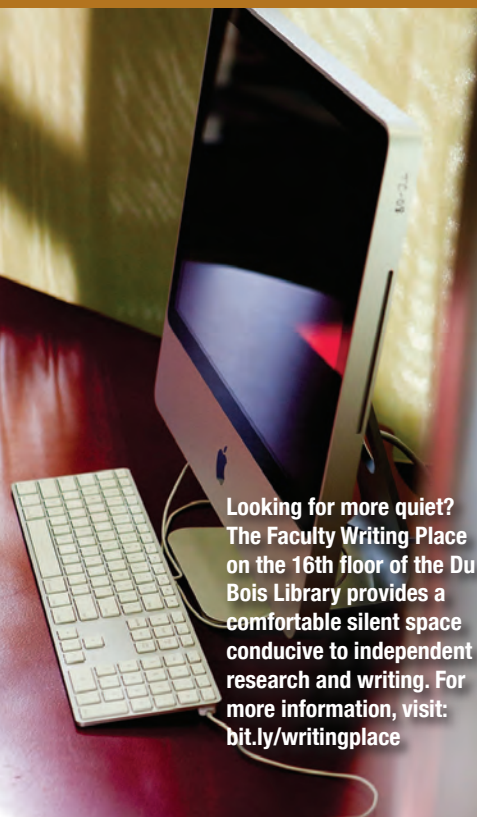
## Programs for Faculty

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](http://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](http://bit.ly/writingplace)

## 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](http://www.library.umass.edu/teachingcommons)

*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.*