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# Center for Excellence in Teaching

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## We've Moved

The Center for Excellence in Teaching (CET) is now located in Grace Ford Salvatori (GFS) 227.

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## Announcing Our Fall 2018 Teaching Institutes!

CET is excited to announce three teaching institutes for the 2018-2019 academic year, a part of USC's investment in a new model of teaching excellence. These institutes will help faculty develop best practices in their instruction and course design. These are a great opportunity to document your commitment to being an excellent instructor.

[New Faculty Institute](#) for USC faculty

[Future Faculty Teaching Institute](#) for USC graduate students interested in a career in teaching

[Faculty Fellow Leadership Institute](#) for USC senior faculty interested in becoming teacher leaders

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## What do you do if...

An online student confides a personal matter related to sexual harassment?

A student requests a grade change after being denied by the TA?

A student expresses concern about the well-being of their classmate?

The [CET Faculty Decision Chart](#) provides recommended actions for various student support scenarios.

Found the Decision Chart helpful? Check out other CET Course Design, Teaching and TA Resources at [our website](#).

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# TA Training Curriculum

CET no longer offers centralized TA training, but has designed a comprehensive [TA Training curriculum](#) schools may use to host their own trainings.

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## We're Here to Help

CET Instructional Designers offer complimentary, confidential consultations for all USC faculty, departments and schools for best practices in course design and teaching.

[Contact CET](#)

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## Blackboard Questions?

This fall, from August 14 to September 27, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Blackboard expert Carl Kuzmich will be on campus hosting open office hours to answer any Blackboard questions you may have. Carl's office hours will rotate between THH 103, HOH 506 (Marshall), HOH 507 (Marshall), BRI 202A (Marshall), and BMT 112 (KSOM). If you would like to schedule time with Carl, or to see the full schedule, please visit <https://blackboardhelp.usc.edu/blackboard-training-fall-2018/>.

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## Disability Services and Programs

The office of Disability Services and Programs (DSP) is the University's designated resource for reviewing and determining student disability status and reasonable relevant accommodations. Accommodations are intended to ensure students equal access. Faculty play an integral role in University compliance through implementing DSP approved accommodations. Please feel free to contact our office at [ability@usc.edu](mailto:ability@usc.edu) to discuss complex accommodation requests, processes, or implementation.

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## Library Services

Librarians can help your students navigate the complicated landscape of information resources in order to locate, evaluate, and synthesize information. This can be done through in-person or online instruction, tutorials, workshops, one-on-one or small group consultations, or collaborating on assignments. For more information on collaborating with librarians, please see the [USC Libraries Instructional Services](#) webpage.

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