

# Teaching statement template for single-year evaluation cycle

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NOTE: Use this template to guide the content of your Teaching Statement. The elements indicated below correspond to those expected in the Teaching Statement Evaluation Guide. Text in brackets is included for guidance and should be removed from your final statement document.

Faculty Name:

School:

Department:

## Instructional Goals for the year

[Discuss your measurable goals as an instructor from the previous year (examples: I wanted to flip my class, change participation to in-class work, increase active learning, etc.)]

## Instructional Practices

[Discuss specific examples of your teaching practices that support your goals identified above. Examples might include:

* Active-learning strategies [Give specific examples of, and discuss the value of, activities and strategies you use in courses to help students engage with and process course content.]
* Key assignments/assessments [Give specific examples of, and discuss the value of, assignments and assessments you assign students in order to accurately evaluate their mastery of your course learning objectives. For each, also specify the corresponding course learning objectives.]
* Course materials [Give specific examples of, and discuss the value of, course materials (such as readings, videos, podcasts, etc.) you use in your courses.]

## Outcomes of Instructional Goals for the year

[Discuss the outcomes of your efforts. Present clear, concise evidence of whether your goals were accomplished, and lessons learned.]

## Instructional Alignment

[Discuss how your instructional practices align with school, department, and University goals in the following three categories. Examples might include:

* Definition of Excellence in Teaching [Give specific examples of how your teaching practices align with and support your school’s definition of teaching excellence or USC’s Definition of Excellence in Teaching.]
* School Mission Statement [Give specific examples of how your teaching practices align with and support your school’s mission statement.]
* School Diversity and Inclusion Plan [Give specific examples of how your teaching practices align with and support your school’s Diversity and Inclusion Plan.]

## Areas for Improvement

[Articulate specific areas for improvement or changes to teaching practices based on student outcomes, USC Student Learning Experience Evaluation, or other data.]

## Improvement Goals for next year

[Delineate at least two (2) clear, concise, measurable goals for improving your teaching practices for the next academic year, aligned with the above areas for improvement.]