

Welcome to **UAEU-CETL**



Faculty Professional Development



Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)



Blended Course Transformations



Instructional Design & Development



Blended Teaching & Learning Activities



Innovation and Excellence in Teaching

ABOUT CETL

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) aims to enhance students' learning experiences at UAE University, by improving the way faculty and instructors teach their courses. CETL is composed of the following three units:

- 1. The Teaching Scholarship & Assessment Unit.** This unit arranges comprehensive support for faculty who would like to conduct and publish research on their teaching methodology. It also performs classroom observations for faculty who request informal feedback about their teaching ability.
- 2. The Instructional Design Unit.** This unit specialises in helping faculty to enhance the overall design and delivery of their courses, by assisting them with the creation of interactive course content, updated curriculum design, and the support for transforming courses to a 'Smart' or 'Blended' format.
- 3. Faculty Professional Development Unit.** This unit focuses on providing professional development presentations, workshops, and seminars, which focus on a variety of topics pertaining to emerging teaching pedagogies and innovative usage of educational technology.

BLENDED COURSE TRANSFORMATIONS

The Blended Teaching & Learning initiative builds upon the 'Smart Learning' project by adding an online component to the course transformation. This enables faculty to deliver some lessons via traditional face-to-face teaching, coupled with other lessons that are taught via online instruction. This initiative is being managed by CETL with the support of the Smart Teaching & Learning Committee.

eTEXTBOOKS

CETL has played a leading role in facilitating UAEU's transition from traditional (printed) textbooks to the usage of digital textbooks (i.e. ebooks). During 2017, with the support of CETL, approximately 40% of taught courses at UAEU successfully made the transition to digital textbook usage. Another 40% of courses are going through this process in 2018, and it is hoped that all taught courses will use digital textbooks in 2019.



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