

What new faculty need to know to get off to a great start

New Faculty Orientation

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Don't Assume!

- Freshmen know nothing, and sophomores don't know much more
- Juniors and seniors know a bit and are trying to put it together
- Graduate students know some more but are still learning

- Students do not have your depth of knowledge in the field
- Students generally don't want to have your depth of knowledge in the field

How do I help them to learn?

- Ask questions
- Learn (or try to) the difference between the confused face and the checked-out/bored face
- Ask more questions
- Low-stakes tests and assignments
- Your colleagues will also teach your students, so don't feel like you have to "cover it all"
- What do you want them to remember 5 years after they leave your class
- Focus on the highlights and the most important concepts

Outside support

- Office hours
- TAs and recitation sections or supplemental instruction
- The Learning Resource Center
 - Tutoring (online and in-person)
- Office of Disability Services for accommodations
- Encourage study partners
- Academic Advisors
- Privateer Alerts
- The HUB