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All books that are currently in the CASTL library collection are now available to view on our electronic library page. To view the most current list, visit the dropbox by clicking here, and select download.

Instructional Support maintains a resource library on active/integrated learning, assessment, instructional technology, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. All of these books are available to loan for a period of time.

Facility Peer Training Videos

Faulty Peer Training Videos are available for anyone to view on MyNU by clicking on Instructional Support and clicking on Faculty Peer Training Videos. These videos feature NU faculty members discussing various strategies and techniques that can be utilized in the classroom.


Online Student Guide

Online Student Guide is a tool that can be used by faculty for advising students and as a pre-test for students when teaching online or hybrid class. Students may access the Online Student Guide which includes tips for success, technology requirements, using Blackboard tutorials, and a preparedness quiz. This can be accessed by visiting www.niagara.edu/blackboard and clicking on the Online Student Guide.

As the instructor, you have the ability to view your students’ quiz results. To do this log into MyNU, click on the link titled Online Student Orientation Results and click on the name/student number of your student.

Instructional Support Offers:

- Workshops
- On-demand Tutorials
- Consultations
- Small Group Individual Diagnosis (SGID)
- Faculty Learning Community (FLC)
- CCTL Active Learning Grants

Check out our fall flyer for upcoming events and workshops: http://www.niagara.edu/instructional-support-workshops/
SHARE Program

The university is eager to respond to issues that may arise from concerns or problems with a student and/or employee. If you have concerns about the safety or welfare of a student/employee, sign in to your myNU. Scroll down to the link for SHARE (on the left hand side of MyNU, in the menu). Click on the link. You will be automatically forwarded to a SHARE submission form. Then type the name of the person you are concerned about, and your concern(s) in the appropriate spaces. Then click “submit.”

This information will be sent to the Dean of Students office where it will be assessed. The Dean of Students will assess the potential risk to personal and campus safety that might result from the actions of individual students/employees. Concerns with employees will be submitted to the Director of Human Resources. Depending on the severity of the concern, the student will be contacted by letter/e-mail, phone or requested to come in for a meeting. In severe cases, the Dean of Students will complete welfare checks or will work with Counseling Services/Health Services/Campus Safety to find the student, assess the student and provide appropriate services if needed.

One Goal - One Calendar: Ad Astra
Displaying classes properly and setting faculty schedules

After years of working with multiple calendars, schedules, EASE, room reservations on MyNU, and 3 ring binders, the university proudly launched one comprehensive calendar system - Ad Astra.

The beauty of Ad Astra for faculty is that all of their classes and room factors may be considered in the scheduling system. The faculty team of Dr. Susan Mason, Dr. Ann Rensel, Dr. Robin Erwin and Prof. John Overbeck has been examining the CORR forms as well as the factors that go into placing a class in a proper location. You can view the schedule online by going to your MyNU account and clicking on Ad Astra.

This calendar will display all academic classes, meetings, and special events in one easy to use calendar. This has been a long-term project and has included input and work from across the campus, including as many faculty, staff, and administrators as possible in the process. We also pledge to the NU community that we will continue to work with you and the entire community to properly schedule all programs.

Ongoing training and announcements will continue through the year.

Blackboard Tip

Directions for instructors can be found by logging into Blackboard and clicking on the page titled Professors – Directions/Help for Blackboard at NU. Here you will find directions for making your course available to students, copying courses from previous semesters, and much more! If you would like to see directions for a particular skill or if you do not see the course please email is@niagara.edu.

Call for Articles

If you have published an article(s) on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, please send an electronic copy to Instructional Support at is@niagara.edu. We are in the process of creating a digital archive of all faculty work on this subject.