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Finding one more way to encourage academic integrity

Exams are a wonderful way for students to assess their learning and instructors to note progress. But how do we help encourage academic integrity within the testing environment? In addition to including an academic integrity statement on your syllabus, consider one of the following:

- Before exam time, discuss with students how integrity, honesty, and responsible behavior (<https://bit.ly/ai-examples>) are directly related to your field of study and the professional world beyond academia.
- Attend the Panel, Exploring the benefits and shortcomings of TurnItIn, Feb. 12 (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., <https://bit.ly/2Oq2ef3>).
- Provide a sample exam question (<https://bit.ly/celt-quizzes>) in the way of a no- or low-stakes formative assessment. This step provides students with experience in the format of the exam, as well as the content. The results can provide invaluable information on student preparedness.
- Consider the benefits of open-book exams (<https://bit.ly/celt-book>). Rather than, or in addition to, asking fact-based questions, open-book exams often work towards higher-order thinking.
- Place an academic integrity statement (<https://bit.ly/ai-examples>) prominently at the beginning of the assessment to emphasize responsible behavior.
- Remind students of the Academic Success Center (ASC) programs (<https://www.asc.dso.iastate.edu/>), including academic coaching, Supplemental Instruction (SI), Tutoring Services, and a wealth of resources related to studying skills, time management, and note-taking. Share a story of a past students' success after engaging with the ASC.

With a joy for teaching,

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Stay up to date COVID-19 Communications and Planning (Academic Affairs)

Review and bookmark the Academic Affairs Division-Wide Communications page (<https://bit.ly/3aa8s9Z>).

Instructional Tools News and Updates

Stay up to date on ISU-approved learning technologies

Bookmark CELT's Instructional Tools News & Updates page (<https://bit.ly/35g7KqL>). Questions about these updates?

Email celt-help@iastate.edu.

CELT Teaching Spotlight: Nicole L. Hayes

Nicole L. Hayes, Ph.D. Candidate, Social Psychology, will graduate in the spring of 2021 from Iowa State University. Recently, Hayes received the Graduate Student Teaching Impact COVID-19 Exceptional Effort Award (<https://bit.ly/39wIjSj>). This honor “recognizes a graduate student who has made exceptional efforts to support student learning through innovative and high-quality approaches to teaching, whether through online, hybrid or face-to-face modalities.”

Hayes’s advice for teaching:

As an online and in-person class instructor, a key challenge in the teaching-learning process is developing and maintaining student engagement. This strategy can be particularly challenging during times of social and financial instability. It is critical to build rapport and build an inclusive and supportive environment to meet students’ needs and foster student engagement. Instructors can do so by regularly engaging with students both collectively via group discussions and individually before and after class. Instructors are often the first point of contact for students who may be experiencing challenges. I would encourage instructors to be more aware of students who may be struggling with coursework and deadlines and reach out to them with campus resources. Adopting these principles in your classroom will help promote students’ success by increasing student motivation and learning.

To learn more, see the CELT’s Online learner support page (<https://bit.ly/learner-support>) and the Creating a Community of “Cyclones Care” (ISU Student Wellness and the Academic Continuity Working Group) page (<https://bit.ly/3iSEBa0>).

Upcoming CELT 2021 Programming

CELT offers face-to-face one-off workshops/webinars, longer-term teaching and learning circles on selected topics, and facilitation of teaching and learning communities. Our program listing with descriptions and registration information may be found on the corresponding page on CELT’s event listed via ISU’s Events Calendar (<http://bit.ly/celtevents>) or CELT’s programming schedule via ISU’s Events Calendar website (<http://bit.ly/celt-isu-events>).

Know where to go at ISU

For help with the Canvas, contact Canvas Support via the ?Help menu in Canvas:

- All 24/7 support options may be found by clicking the ? Help icon (found on the left-hand navigation bar in Canvas <https://canvas.iastate.edu/>) to access the support available to you:
- 24/7 phone support. Call 515-294-4000, then follow the prompts to connect with Canvas support.
- Find answers to common questions in the Canvas Instructor Guides (<http://bit.ly/38M9BC2>).
- Use the resources in the Canvas @ ISU site (<https://bit.ly/canvas-isu>)

For technical support, contact the ISU Solution Center:

- Email solution@iastate.edu
- Call 515-294-4000 and follow the prompts to receive support from Solution Center staff

Receive one-to-one assistance for teaching with technology with the CELT Response Team,

- The **CELT Response Team** is available for consultations Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. each day. To request assistance, call the Team at 515-294-5357.
- You may connect with our CELT instructional designers for support or pedagogical consultations by emailing your course title, describing the question or issues you have, and the steps to replicate it to celt-help@iastate.edu. This step will also create a ServiceNow ticket for easy tracking.
- Additionally, you may wish to contact one of the support units directly. Please note which program, department, or college each unit serves and contact the unit for your area (<http://bit.ly/isu-support>).

CELT Mission and Contact Information

CELT's mission is "Partnering with educators to advance student-centered learning at Iowa State University." Contact us for consultations, questions, and comments via phone: 515-294-5357, email: celt@iastate.edu, or on our website: <http://www.celt.iastate.edu/>. Our physical office is in 3024 Morrill Hall, 603 Morrill Road, Ames, IA 50011-2100

How to contact us

Contact CELT via email at celt@iastate.edu or call 515-294-5357. We will forward your information to the appropriate staff member or contact the CELT staff directly (<https://bit.ly/celt-staff>) to schedule a meeting in a safe manner (virtually or face-to-face social-distanced).

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