Facilitating Successful Group Work

Wrapping up week two and heading into week three, we want to provide you with strategies that may be helpful if you are planning on incorporating group work into your course this semester. Group work can help to motivate students, encourage creativity, and provide critical thinking opportunities. Take these into consideration to set the stage for successful group work.

- Create Groups in Canvas (https://go.iastate.edu/4U6ZYM): Consider setting all of the groups up in Canvas for easy collaboration among learners

- Assign Group Roles (https://go.iastate.edu/5YPTWG): Assign or ask students to self-assign to a variety of roles to ensure that all students have a clearly identified role within their group

- Provide Checkpoints (https://go.iastate.edu/KYB0FG): Using student (office) hours, consider having each group check-in for 7-10 minutes to allow for reflection and feedback

- Identify Potential Challenges (https://go.iastate.edu/SFB1DF): Help your students troubleshoot any challenges they may be having in their group, whether that's pre- or mid-project

- Set Your Gradebook Up for Groups (https://go.iastate.edu/E8Y5OA): With groups established, consider the different tools and methods available to grade group work

More methods and logistics can be found on the CELT website (https://go.iastate.edu/E8Y5OA). You can also email celt-help@iastate.edu to set up a meeting with one of our instructional designers for assistance.

Congratualtions to Dr. Kelly Reddy-Best — New QM Certified Course

Congratulations to Dr. Kelly Reddy-Best for her Quality Matters (QM) course certification. Dr. Reddy Best's course, AMD 165, "Dress, Appearance, and Diversity in Society," was certified in January 2022. Learn more about Quality Matters certification on our website (https://go.iastate.edu/TIICA).
#CyThx Teaching Spotlight: Miriam Martincic, Assistant Professor of Teaching, Graphic Design

## Teaching Advice

"Cultivate practices outside the classroom that inform, inspire, and energize your teaching."

Three practices significant to my teaching are illustration, tango, and meditation. I'll talk briefly about illustration. Working as a professional illustrator illuminates the gap between theory and practice. Teachers present a neat theory of process on paper, but the reality of process is messy and uncertain. So I talk to students about uncertainty or any other messy part of process. How does it feel? How do you deal with it? Uncertainty is not a flaw in the system; it is simply another part of the process. My engagement in creative practice challenges me to be more precise and grounded in my teaching.

Read all of Miriam’s advice on our website (https://go.iastate.edu/YJDE4J)

## #CyThx Message

Miriam goes above and beyond as an instructor in all of the classes she teaches. Rather than just teaching the material, she goes out of her way to make sure students know the skills they need and pushes you to create better design work that you are passionate about. Miriam is such a considerate instructor who brings passion, fun, and creativity to every class period. Miriam is my favorite instructor that I’ve ever had and I am so happy I’ve had the opportunity to take her classes!

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### CELT 2021 Programs (Jan. 27 - Feb. 10)

Register for the events CELT offers below by searching CELT’s Upcoming Events page (https://go.iastate.edu/XABEDD) or CELT’s channel on the ISU Events Calendar (https://go.iastate.edu/O0JIIU).

#### Course Design: Design, Re-Design, and Maximize Your Online Courses
- ISU Online Learning Community (ISU-OLC), Feb. 11 (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., via Webex, https://go.iastate.edu/KV562M)

#### Engage Students: With Content, Instructor, and Fellow Students
- Discuss Published Education Research in Your Discipline (DBER Journal Club), Nancy Boury & Sayali Kukday, Feb. 1 (4-5 p.m., Webex, https://go.iastate.edu/XRRDNG)
- Workshop, An Introduction to the Study Cycle - Help your learners study smarter!, Feb. 8 (9-10:30 a.m., 2030 Morrill, https://go.iastate.edu/KHQODG)

#### Mindfulness & Contemplative Pedagogy: Deepen Awareness and Insight
- Workshop, Introduction to the Winter Strolls for Well-Being at ISU, Jan. 27 (12:15-12:45 p.m., Zoom, https://go.iastate.edu/VE3FGN)
- Webinar, Communities of Care: Using trauma-informed pedagogy, Feb. 2 (2:10-3 p.m., Zoom, https://go.iastate.edu/34MJ08)
Technology Tools and Strategies: Enhance your teaching, any modality!
- Grading Tips and Tricks, Feb. 3 (2-3 p.m., via Webex, https://go.iastate.edu/YHKY07)

Where to Find Support
CELT has a number of support options for those in need of assistance:
- CELT Open Labs (https://go.iastate.edu/SQCTZT)
  - Open Labs for the Spring 2022 semester will be on the following days and offered virtually only. The Webex link can be accessed here (https://go.iastate.edu/X8PQWV):
    - Mondays and Wednesdays, 8-10 a.m.
    - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.
    - Fridays, By Appointment Only
- Email CELT (celt-help@iastate.edu)
- IT Solution Center (solution@iastate.edu)
- 24/7 Canvas Support (https://go.iastate.edu/SPSFRI)

Make sure you know what each of these options has to offer, when and how to utilize them by visiting the CELT Support webpage (https://go.iastate.edu/BQIOSZ)

How to Contact Us
Contact CELT via email at celt@iastate.edu or call 515-294-5357.

Questions About Teaching with Technology?
Connect with our CELT instructional designers for support or pedagogical consultations by emailing celt-help@iastate.edu. This will create a ServiceNow ticket for easy tracking.