OFFICE OF OPEN LEARNING

The Office of Open Learning (OOL) works with faculty, staff, and student partners across campus to develop and implement digital, open, accessible, and inclusive teaching. We are committed to removing historical and systemic barriers to education, and leveraging the power of the connected world to prepare students for uncertain and complex futures.

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Who are we?

OOL is a team of faculty, librarians, staff, and students committed to enhancing teaching and learning using digital tools.

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Where can you find us?

At 700 California Avenue, Ed Lumley Centre for Engineering Innovation

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How can you contact us?

We can be contacted via Email: openlearning@uwindsor.ca or through our website: www.uwindsor.ca/openlearning

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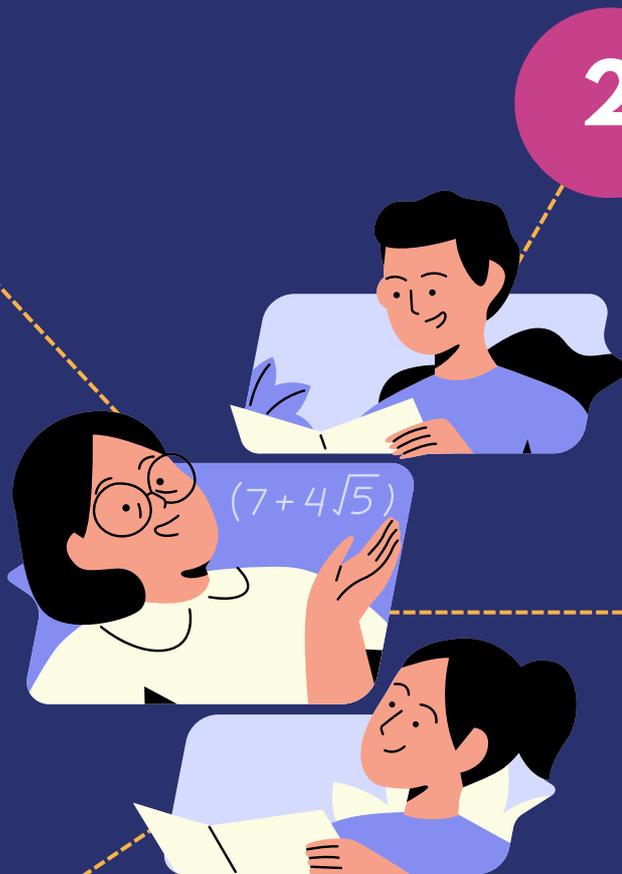### Where can you learn even more about us?

Our website has lots of useful information about the team, projects, and opportunities to work together.

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Where can you find our workshops and courses?

Find and register for our current workshops and courses on the OOL workshop registration site.

WHAT CAN THE OFFICE OF OPEN LEARNING DO FOR YOU?

The OOL is your go-to for questions about digital teaching and learning needs. If you're interested in Artificial Intelligence (AI), have questions about what technology to choose for your teaching, need to create or revise an online or hybrid course, want to create or edit video to support your teaching, or are looking for digital teaching resources, we have you covered. We can also help you find funding and resources to do all these things, and to explore the research on digital teaching in your field. Some of the ways we can support you include:

- The Humanizing Digital Learning Microcertificate program, designed to help instructors and Graduate/Teaching Assistants navigate and improve their digital teaching, developing an understanding of digital assessment, accessibility, student engagement, equity and ethical considerations in selecting and using technology.

- A wide range of workshops and short courses on digital, online, and open teaching and learning.

- Creating digital teaching resources, including educational video and interactive media production.

- Instructional design, and development of Brightspace course sites and other digital resources.

- Digital curriculum and microcredential development

- Understanding the potential and impact of AI in education

- Grants to support pedagogical innovation, developing courses, creating digital and open resources, and scholarship of digital teaching.

- Finding, selecting, and incorporating appropriate technologies in your teaching.

- Designing and using flexible and collaborative learning spaces

- A newsletter and online resources supporting digital teaching

- Helping students succeed in challenging courses through Peer Assisted Learning Sessions.

- Developing your digital presence

- The Alan Wright Award for Exemplary Digital Teaching

- Advice on accessibility

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I've taught online but I still feel like there is a lot more I could do and there were some specific things I struggled with. Can you help me with that?

There are many ways our team of experienced online learning specialists can help!

- Start with a conversation with one of the team! Drop into our office on the second floor of the Centre for Engineering Innovation at the 700 California entrance (or we can come to you!) for a one-on-one consultation, or email openlearning@uwindsor.ca and one of the team will get in touch with you.
- Come to one of our regular workshops or community of practice events - see what's on and register at http://tiny.cc/OOLEvents
- Consider joining the Humanizing Digital Learning Program, or take any of the online short courses individually on topics including an intro to humanizing digital learning, digital assessment strategies; student engagement; accessibility, EDI, decolonization and Indigenization of digital teaching; and ethical educational technology
- Explore the resources on our website: www.uwindsor.ca/openlearning

I'm really worried about how generative AI will impact my classes. Can I talk to someone?

This is a very common concern at the moment, as the world starts to adjust to the potential uses of generative AI (such as ChatGPT) in everyday life, including teaching and learning. You may want to join our regular AI Community of Practice or one of the many workshops we offer on the topic. Contact Dave Cormier (dcormier@uwindsor.ca) or Nick Baker (nbaker@uwindsor.ca) to find out more or discuss your ideas.

Is there funding available for developing, piloting, or researching digital resources?

OOL can help you find and apply for various grants that support this work, and also offer small grants annually through their Digital, Open and Online Learning Grants. In 2023, a Microcredential Pilot Fund will also be available to support development of new microcredentials.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

● **I've heard about Microcredentials but don't really know what they are. Where can I find out more?**

Microcredentials are short, targeted, usualy non-credit courses where the learning is evaluated and a credential issued to verify the learner's achievement. The University of Windsor is currently developing a microcredential framework and establishing a pilot fund to support faculty and departments interested in developing new microcredentials. Contact Nick Baker (nbaker@uwindsor.ca) or Dave Cormier (dcormier@uwindsor.ca) to find out more or discuss your ideas.

● **I'm teaching an online course and would like advice on how to incorporate Indigenous Pedagogies and Knowledges in digital courses. Is there someone I can talk to?**

Yes! Contact Russell Nahdee (rnahdee@uwindsor.ca), Indigenous Online Learning Specialist in the OOL, for guidance.

● **I want to record some videos for my courses, what are my options? Can you help?**

Yes! We can help you to develop professional videos, interactive tutorials, recorded lectures, and much more, including captioning for accessibility. The University's YuJa video system is available for faculty, staff and students, is integrated to Brightspace and can easily record, caption, edit, store and share your videos and other documents. You can even embed quizzes right in the videos!

● **I've heard there are Open Textbooks, but don't really know what that means. Can you help?**

Open Textbooks and other Open Educational Resources (OERs) are freely licenced teaching resources that your students can use at no cost. We can help you find, adapt, or create your own OERs.