Teaching Forum Q & A

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across the campus. The SI leader has more interaction with more students, while tutoring is offered

Tutors are hired both at the undergraduate and graduate levels and trained through CRLA (College Reading and Learning Association) certifications. GTAs (Graduate Teaching Assistants) make up half of MLC's staff and they are on stipend through the Math department but honor their 20 hours/week work assignment by teaching classes and tutoring at the MLC.

When is the Math Learning Center (MLC) open?

Dates of Operation: August 21 - December 8, 2023 (Fall2023 semester) -- **excluding** 9/4 (Labor Day), 11/10 (Veteran's Day observed), 11/22-11/26 (Thanksgiving Break). This information can always be found on the webpage www.fau.edu/mlc

Hours of Operation

Monday: 10:00 AM -5:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM -5:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM -5:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Online tutoring is available on evenings and weekends when the MLC is closed for in-person tutoring. Check the webpage for days/times and how to join. Prior to the final exam, the center offers extended hours on the Wednesday of the Reading Days every semester, through the Up

What is the difference between a TA (Teaching Assistant) and Learning Assistant (LA)?

TAs mostly assist the instructor in delivering the course content, evaluation, and grading. While LAs focus on assisting the students with learning.

For more information about the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), please visit: <u>https://www.fau.edu/qep/</u>.

How can COCE serve the faculty in the College of Science?

Since 2012, the Center for Online and Continuing Education (COCE) has provided professional development and online course building assistance for FAU faculty delivering fully-online courses. Over the past decade, services have expanded to include a variety of incentivized faculty workshops including: Teaching Online Orientation, Flexible Online Teaching Orientation, TA training for assisting faculty in online courses, Teaching Online Pedagogy, and weekly live micro-learning sessions on key topics.

FAU is a Quality Matters (QM) subscribing institution and, as such, COCE supports and incentivizes faculty in developing courses that align with <u>the state's quality rubric for online</u> <u>delivery of instruction</u>. Faculty engage with COCE instructional designers for the creation of new online courses, preparing for QM certification, one-on-one appointments, and weekly open labs. In keeping with the Florida Board of Governors' guidance for online course delivery, COCE provides assistance and incentives for online course updates every 3 years. COCE also supports faculty research and grant submissions for the use of digital content for instructional delivery and has won numerous <u>national awards in collaboration with FAU Colleges</u>.

Visit <u>https://www.fau.edu/elearning/</u> for more information about COCE.

What services does COCE offer?

- 1. **Instructional Design**. The Center for Online & Continuing Education provides a variety of Instructional Design Services including converting a face-to-face class to online instructional delivery, refreshing an existing online course, consulting with an Instructional Designer (ID) about online course questions, supporting online faculty in Open Lab, and providing online facilitator certifications.
- 2. **Instructional Media**. The Center for Online & Continuing Education provides assistance for faculty interested in adding rich multimedia content to their online courses.
- 3. Propose a new fully online program.
- 4. **Open Lab**. Opens Mondays and Fridays from 8am to 5pm, walk-in services or connect virtually.