

UC Liberal Arts, Workshops 2017-2018

Teaching in a liberal arts context requires special skills. For example: interactive teaching in small groups, leading discussions, teaching a culturally and academically diverse group of students, teaching the academic context of the discipline, interdisciplinary teaching, and teaching in English. It also entails engaging with the student community, both inside and outside the classroom. This requires an understanding of the philosophy and ideals of a liberal arts education and an awareness of the intellectual development of students.

About the workshops at University College Utrecht

UC Liberal Arts workshops complement regular BKO training by addressing topics specific to teaching in a liberal arts context. Since the fall of 2015 we have organized workshops for anyone who teaches at one of the eight UC's in the Netherlands belonging to the [UCDN network](#).

The goals of the workshops are: (1) to feature and discuss the diverse practices of UC teachers, (2) to introduce participants to inspiring scholarly work, (3) to provide tools and ideas to implement in course and/or curriculum design, and (4) to inform participants' individual teaching philosophies. Workshop leaders are experienced UCU faculty members.

Workshop themes you will encounter:

- The liberal arts philosophy (history, ideals, and the curriculum);
- Teaching one's discipline in a liberal arts and sciences context (context and history of the discipline, different ways of knowing, grand problems, interdisciplinary teaching);
- Teaching skills (using the cultural and academic diversity in the classroom, teaching across a language divide, interactive teaching methods);
- Personal development of students (excellence and individual guidance).

UC Liberal Arts Program for 2017-2018

Preliminary program (September 19, 2017)



Date: Tuesday	(Working) Title:
Oct. 3	Teaching across a Language Divide
Nov. 14	Class Participation, incl. Listening
Dec. 5	SKO portfolio / Graham rubric
Feb. 13	Intellectual Development in College
March 20	Teaching Metaphors for BKO
May 1	Interdisciplinary Teaching
June 5	Book Club: Service Learning

Up-to-date information is posted in the calendar on <http://tauu.uu.nl/>. Note: TAUUs agenda lists many events, either organized by TAUU or by others, like ours. Registration is required and limited to 25. All meetings except the October conference take place Tuesday afternoons, 3-5 pm, in Locke D at UCU. Workshops are free of charge and open to UCU faculty members, UU faculty teaching at UCU, faculty at participating colleges, and to others who teach at the UU if there is room. Certificates of participation will be produced upon request.

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