

IV.SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT: F. THE CENTER FOR LEARNING AND TEACHING

Denison places the faculty/student experience at the center of its liberal arts education. The Center for Learning and Teaching has been established to support and enhance that foundational relationship. The Center provides a variety of seminars, communities of practice, mentorship, and other support to help faculty explore and strengthen pedagogy.

Specifically, the Center organizes the Denison Teaching Seminar, a community of practice to support first- through third-year faculty in their roles as teachers, scholars, and community members. In addition, for faculty at all experience levels, the Center hosts and facilitates workshops and learning communities that address specific curricular and scholarly initiatives and pedagogies. The Center also coordinates a structured program for one-on-one consultation and classroom teaching observation that is designed to provide informative feedback and mentoring for all interested faculty.

The primary goal of Denison's Center for Learning and Teaching is to support and collaborate with faculty at all career stages, considering questions, ideas, activities, and research on teaching and learning. The Center provides support for faculty development and mentoring related to the practice of effective teaching. Specific offerings include:

1. Teaching and learning seminars for early-career faculty
2. Teaching-related workshops, brown-bag lunches, reading and discussion groups
3. One-on-one consultations and classroom teaching observations to provide formative feedback of teaching
4. Collaboration among faculty, faculty groups, professional staff, and administrative offices in order to initiate and promote a variety of faculty development programs and resources that address teaching, learning, scholarship, and mentoring
5. Support for the development of faculty pedagogical and curricular projects
6. Participation and leadership in forging relationships and collaborations between Denison's faculty development programs and other professional organizations.

The Center is located on the atrium level of the Library. Additional information can be found at the Center's website (<https://denison.edu/academics/faculty-development/>).
