

Developing Excellence in Eastern's Professors: DEEP

About DEEP

The Developing Excellence in Eastern's Professors (DEEP) system, developed by the **Faculty Innovation Workgroup**, advances faculty and professional development at ECU through the integration of technology and resources that raise faculty teaching to the highest caliber in the

Commonwealth. DEEP represents an ongoing commitment to excellence among ECU faculty and an investment in the continued enhancement of teaching and learning across campus.



Pedagogical Topics

In the DEEP system several courses are currently available, including Metacognition, Discussion Boards, and Foundations of Pedagogy. Courses coming in the near future include Flipping the Classroom, Critical and Creative Thinking, the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL), Critical Reading, and Cultural Competency.

Faculty Involvement

DEEP also welcomes faculty involvement from across campus in course proposal and course development.

If you have suggestions for a course, visit studio.eku.edu/proposing-course to propose a course or studio.eku.edu/proposing-developing-course to propose and develop a course.

DEEP Organization

Each DEEP course is organized in a similar way, with multiple, progressive levels. Each level contains materials and assignments for successful completion. The four levels are Learner, Practitioner, Advocate, and Scholar.

Participants receive recognition with each level they complete within every course. Since DEEP contains this record-keeping feature, faculty can benefit from the progress they make in each course in multiple ways, including documenting their work in the system for their promotion, tenure, and evaluation portfolios. At the same time, participants are welcome to complete only up to the level that is most relevant to them and their work.

Accessing DEEP Courses

Faculty members may access these courses through the following steps.

1. Log into your Blackboard account.
2. Find the link under the “For Instructors” tab, housed in the “Faculty Professional Development Opportunities” module.
3. Click on the course you wish to enroll in; click the “+Enroll” button on the left side
4. Once enrolled, you will find the course under “My Courses.”

News for Instructors

IMPROVEMENTS for "Advising" sites in Blackboard!
We have changed our process for the "Advising" sites in Blackboard, primarily to help those who advise both traditional and online students.
If you advise online students you will see a site clearly identified for that purpose.
As a result, we have refreshed all other advising sites, with more accurate synchronization with the data in EKU Direct.
Please use your new site immediately!

If you need to see your "old" advising site, to copy Announcements or documents, etc., call the service desk at 859-622-3000 to get a "Footprints" ticket created, and we will connect you with your old site quickly.

Regarding data from Monday morning, 15 August: We cannot restore work that was done between 5 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday to the production Blackboard system. We are working with the Blackboard company to restore that data to our "BB TEST" system, to give a reference to what was done.

["Get Started with Blackboard" at EKU" \(Word document\)](#)

- [First steps inside your course](#)

• Mac users: If you have no scrollbars in the Grade Center, go to Mac System Preferences (from the Apple menu, or from the Dock). On the General pane, select "Always" for the Show Scroll Bars option.

Faculty Professional Development Opportunities

Instructors, you can self-enroll in a Blackboard course about "Metacognition."

The link below leads into the course, where you can use the "+ Enroll" button at the left side (below the course menu) to complete your enrollment.
It will thereafter be on My Courses, among the sites where you are a Student.

[Click here to visit the "Deep Metacognition" course.](#)

Disability Accommodation Statement

Here is the text for the Disability Accommodation Statement, required to be included in all EKU course syllabi, current as of August, 2016.

The University strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you are registered with the EKU Center for Student Accessibility (CSA), please obtain your accommodation letters from the CSA, present them to the course instructor, and discuss the accommodations needed. If you believe you need an accommodation and are not registered with the CSA, please contact the office in 361 Whitlock Building by email at disserv@eku.edu or by telephone at (859) 622-2933. Upon individual request, this syllabus can be made available in an alternative format.

A student with a "disability" may be an individual with a physical or psychological impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, to include, but not limited to: seeing, hearing, communicating, interacting with others, learning, thinking, concentrating, sitting, standing, lifting, performing manual tasks, working. Additionally, pregnancy accompanied by a medical condition(s), which causes a similar substantial limitation, may also be considered under the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA).