

University of Waterloo Centre for Teaching Excellence

Two teaching certificate programs:

Fundamentals of University Teaching (FUT Est. 2011)

- Open to Masters & PhD students
- Graduates/year = 100
- Total Graduates = 473

Certificate in University Teaching (CUT Est. 1998)

- Open to PhD students only
- Graduates/year = 30-40/year
- Total graduates = 363

Fundamentals of University Teaching

Objectives:

- improve your classroom delivery and general presentation skills
- develop lesson plans that are interactive and designed to meet specific learning outcomes
- identify and practice strategies to make teaching and learning more interactive
- improve your ability to give and receive effective feedback
- increase your confidence and self-awareness as a university teacher

Requirements (18 hours):

- 6 teaching workshops (2 hours each)
- 3 microteaching sessions with small groups of peers (2.5 hours each)

Completion of FUT is prerequisite to acceptance to the CUT program

Certificate in University Teaching (CUT)

Objectives:

- Begin to develop theoretical knowledge about teaching and learning in higher education
- Adopt a reflective approach to teaching through collecting feedback and continually modifying instructional approaches
- Develop and implement active learning teaching methods
- Prepare a teaching dossier that articulates your approach to undergraduate teaching and documents your teaching effectiveness
- Locate, summarize and use research on teaching and learning as it applies to your field
- Feel more confident and knowledgeable as an instructor in higher education

Requirements (*average of 7 terms to complete*):

- GS 901 – Preparing for University Teaching (4 workshops + 4 response papers)
- GS 902 – Preparing for an Academic Career (research project + teaching dossier)
- GS 903 – Teaching Practicum (2 teaching observations + 2 response papers)

Amit & Meena Chakma Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Student



2016 Recipients