

# Some Useful Websites on College Teaching

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The teaching center at **Northwestern University** has an excellent website on college teaching, particularly its page on resources. Here you will find references on research on college teaching, suggestions for stimulating better discussions, tips for getting students more engaged and ideas on how to use grading to spur better learning. Most of their suggestions are in PDF documents which can be easily copied and printed.

<http://www.northwestern.edu/searle/resources/index.html>

The website on research on college teaching at the **University of Michigan** has links to elaborate pages on teaching strategies, the assessment of learning, and using technology in instruction. This site is an example of what is meant by the concept of the *scholarship of teaching*.

<http://www.crlt.umich.edu/index.php>

The resources page at the **University of Massachusetts** website offers practical advice on college teaching for junior faculty but also has links to videos on teaching and numerous reviews of books on teaching and higher education.

<http://www.umass.edu/cft/resources.htm>

One of the most thorough, resource rich websites on college teaching can be found at the **University of Texas**. Like the University of Michigan, it has a staff fully committed to the concept of the scholarship of teaching. Because most of the links are on the home page, it is also a site that is easily navigated.

<http://www.utexas.edu/academic/djia/>

The Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning at **Harvard University** has a website similar to that at the University of Massachusetts. On its resources page you will find printable copies of excellent reports on teaching and many more links to videos. This site gives more attention to the student as a learner than do most of the other sites (e.g., see the videos on sleep and learning).

<http://bokcenter.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do>

The **IDEA Center** is a virtual library on best practices in college teaching. Numerous documents on teaching issues (e.g., teaching evaluation) and procedures (e.g., getting students to read) can be found here. This site also has links to useful documents at the Professional Organizational Development (POD) website.

<http://www.theideacenter.org>

The **Professional Organizational Development** network has a website of particular interest to faculty developers or faculty who are leading programs in faculty development. While its emphasis is on faculty development, POD has broadened its mission to include all trends in higher education that may influence the classroom. Notices for POD conferences and other national meetings are posted there too.

<http://www.podnetwork.org/index.htm>

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