



FEATURED EVENTS



[Using Clickers for Creating Effective Questions](#) (SRS-101)

December 13, 10:00 AM or December 18, 2:00 PM

Interested in using clickers in Winter 2014? This workshop introduces pedagogical and technical components to help instructors develop in-class activities that provide students with opportunities to think critically and test their understanding.

[Register](#)



[McGill's First MOOC - "Food for Thought"](#)

January 22

The year was 1982. A new and innovative course designed to provoke scientific thinking about food was launched by Drs. David Harpp, Joe Schwarcz & Ariel Fenster. Take this course FOR FREE as part of the McGillX initiative. Are you ready for some *Food for Thought*?

[Register](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



[Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching & Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Learning](#)

[Fall Convocation](#) is a time to celebrate student achievement and also recognize excellence in teaching and learning. [Read more about awardees and their contributions.](#)



[Two Ways to Encourage Participation in Course Evaluations](#)

- Monitor response rates and post a message on myCourses. See a [video](#) example of one instructor's experience.
- Ask students to bring their laptops to class and allow time to fill them out in class. Note that instructors must leave the room during this process.

Any questions? Write to: mercury.info@mcgill.ca



[TLS and GPS Need Your Help!](#)

We are currently developing a supervision workshop on letters of agreement. We are looking for examples from across all disciplines. If you are currently using a supervision agreement, or know someone who is, please let us know by emailing teaching.tls@mcgill.ca.

[Submitting Final Grades From myCourses](#)

New Fall 2013 - The submission of final grades to Minerva can now be completed directly within the myCourses gradebook. Follow the [video](#) or [guide](#) for the step-by-step instructions.



[Are You Scheduled to Teach in the Winter Semester?](#)

myCourses was upgraded at the end of July, bringing improvements to general usability and to tools such as Content and Grades. If you haven't already, we encourage you to check out the links below to ensure you have everything you need before you start teaching in Winter 2014.

- [Full list of New Features in myCourses](#) (also available as a [video](#))
- [Index of instructor videos and documentation](#)
- [IT checklist for instructors preparing for the academic year](#)

[Winter 2014 Courses Available for Instructors](#)

You can start [preparing your course site now for winter courses](#). Although by default students cannot access their courses until the first day of classes, you may modify the access date [here](#).



[Scheduled to Teach in One of the Active Learning Classrooms \(ALC\)?](#)

If you are registered to teach in an ALC in Winter 2014, you received an email on November 20th from IT Services. Complete the online form to request in-class support for your classes. Also, the [ALC Preparation Checklist](#) can help ensure you have everything you need before you start teaching.



[Enhanced On-Site Support for Classroom AV Equipment](#)

This fall, IT Services made changes to the way instructors receive support during class time. Now, technicians are sent to act as "first responders" when AV problems cannot be resolved immediately via the Help Line (3398 from any campus phone).



[PressReader](#)

Do you enjoy reading newspapers? McGill Library is pleased to offer over 2,300 full-content newspapers from more than 100 countries in 55+ languages in just one app! To download newspapers using the application, access McGill's network on Wifi or (VPN). Note: downloads are limited to 5 issues in 24 hours.



[BrowZine](#)

Access scholarly journals in a browsable format. Use the BrowZine application to easily find, read, and monitor scholarly journals available from holdings at the McGill Library and Open Access publishers.



[Instructor Unavailability for 2014-2015](#)

Please submit in Minerva the days and times you are unavailable to teach for 2014-2015 terms. The deadline is fast approaching - check with your academic unit to find out specific instructions and deadlines. View the updated video for an overview.



[McGill Library Launches Recommended Mobile Apps Page](#)

The McGill Library launched the [Recommended Mobile Apps Page](#) with a selection of applications that will help optimize the use of library-licensed resources on your iOS or Android devices.



[Supervision: Graduate and Postdoctoral Support Website](#)

The new Supervision website offers over 40 pages of research-based practical advice and guidance on the supervisory relationship. Learn how to avoid common problems in supervision and needless delays in degree completion.



[Lecture Recording Available](#)

Students have told us they find lecture recordings extremely valuable. If you are teaching in a classroom that supports lecture recording, consider signing up now to record your lectures and make them available to your students. [Instructions in the IT Knowledge Base](#).

TEACHING CHECKLISTS



[NEW: Teaching Preparation Checklist](#)

Preparing to teach a course can feel overwhelming without a timeline of what to do when and an awareness of the resources available. Use the Teaching Checklist to help you find everything you need.

LEARN MORE ABOUT



[Counselling Service](#)

Do your students need support? McGill Counselling Service offers a range of services to help students deal with both personal and academic stressors.



[McGill's Teaching for Learning Blog](#)

Join McGill faculty, staff and students in a conversation about higher education. Read the latest posts:

- [Turning class participation into short written assignments](#)
- [MOOPies – Mini Online Open Projects from Bio-Treatment of Wastes class at Mac Campus](#)
- [Looking for the right answer](#)
- [Is Intellectual Curiosity a Strong Predictor For Academic Performance?](#)



[Teaching Snapshots: Perspectives on Teaching and Learning](#)

Ever wonder what other professors do to keep their students engaged? Learn about McGill instructors' thoughts on teaching and learning. Disciplines include: teaching philosophy, law, writing, and statistics.



[Audio Streaming Databases](#)

McGill Library hosts multiple databases where you can access and link to streaming musical recordings ranging from classical music to live concerts. [Accessing off campus: VPN](#) or [EZproxy](#).



[e-Books](#)

Access over 800,000 e-books in 24 collections at the McGill Library. Subjects range from the Reformation, English and American Poetry, to Life and Biomedical Sciences and Theoretical and Computational Physics.



[Films on Demand](#)

Integrate high quality online streaming educational videos or fully annotated segments into lectures or presentations. Programs include Canadian Public Performance rights. [Access off campus: VPN](#) or [EZproxy](#).

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