

ENG-624(a)

Science and Engineering Teaching and Learning - FALL

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
EDOC General and external courses		Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	2
Session	
Exam	Oral
Workload	60h
Hours	40
Courses	24
Exercises	8
TP	8
Number of positions	

Frequency

Every year

Remark

Flexible course with both online and on-campus components. PhD register via IS-Academia, for Master students <https://go.epfl.ch/registering-courses-exams>

Summary

This course develops teaching skills through the introduction of research-informed approaches and the opportunity to practice strategies appropriate for higher education science and technology contexts (exercises, labs, projects and traditional courses).

Content

The goals of this course are:

1. To introduce novice teachers in higher education (doctoral teaching assistants) to contemporary research-informed approaches to teaching.
2. To provide opportunities to practice and develop these skills.

Using evidence from research in learning sciences, this course presents approaches and techniques that specifically address the challenges in science, maths and engineering. Hands-on sessions offer the opportunity to practice these techniques (in the context of exercises, projects, or lab situations) and to get feedback on your teaching skills.

This course is comprised of 2 parts :

- A **self-study online module** that addresses what to do when you teach as well as explaining why these approaches work (40h). Participants' understanding of this material will be tested via an oral exam. *Note: The online module is available to everyone, enrolled in this course or not.*
- A **one-day hands-on practical Teaching toolkit** focused on applying, practising and receiving feedback on teaching strategies. There are 4 themes to these hands-on sessions (exercises, labs, projects, and explaining) and participation in any one fulfils this requirement. Topics from this lab will be included in the exam.

Schedule:

- The **online module** can be accessed via edX.org (runs for 10 weeks timed to conclude with the EPFL exam; includes additional application activities; you do not need to pay for the verified track) and/or as a self-paced module available on courseware.epfl.ch.
- For descriptions of the **Teaching Toolkits** and to sign up to attend a specific date, please visit <https://bookwhen.com/cape>
- **Exam** for Winter 2025: first or second week of December 2025.

Keywords

Teaching and Learning Science and Engineering; Research and Development of Teaching Practices

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Assess / Evaluate up-to-date developments in learning sciences related to teaching and learning of science and engineering in higher education
- Demonstrate skills in presenting for learning, in tutoring and in giving students feedback

Transversal skills

- Take feedback (critique) and respond in an appropriate manner.
- Plan and carry out activities in a way which makes optimal use of available time and other resources.
- Give feedback (critique) in an appropriate fashion.

Teaching methods

Online course (feedback via multiple choice questions) plus a one-day hands-on Teaching Toolkit.

Assessment methods

- Oral exam: 100%
- Participation in 1 (or more) hands-on session (Toolkit workshop) is required in order to sit the exam.
- Participants will receive (ungraded) feedback during the course from online quizzes, assignments, and workshop activities

Resources

Websites

- <https://courseware.epfl.ch/>
- <https://bookwhen.com/cape>
- <https://www.edx.org/search>