Frankly Speaking: L&T for Science and Engineering

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It will be an online start for many classes that had hoped to be on campus. It hardly needs saying, but keep an eye out for announcements of any changes. You can follow what information has been sent to students from the VC here - [https://www.mq.edu.au/about/coronavirus-faqs/updates-from-the-vc](https://www.mq.edu.au/about/coronavirus-faqs/updates-from-the-vc)

Let's hope it does not stretch for too long. Stay well and contact your friendly L&T team if you need information or assistance.
Drop-in Clinic: set up for Session 2

- Raging at rubrics? Growling at gradebook or groupings? Do not despair! **Drop-in clinic** for iLearn, iTeach and other support for Session 2 is here, **11am-1pm weekdays until Friday 30 July**. Don’t be shy, take the short-cut to peace of mind. No appointments necessary, just click on **this Zoom link**. Outside those times, don’t forget your friendly FSE L&T team – send requests to ilearn.help@mq.edu.au.

**FAQs from start of session**

The drop-in clinic and L&T staff are at your service, but here are some resources to those in favour of self-help.

The **Top 5** Drop-in clinic questions from last Session were:

1. How do I set up my unit guides assessments in the gradebook so they are correctly weighted? ([Gradebook quick guides](#))
2. How do I create my Turnitin assignments? ([Turnitin quick guides](#))
   - How do I allow resubmission
   - How do I create & attach my Rubric
3. How do I get my unit to show on iLearn and the unit guide? ([iTeach quick guides](#))
4. How do I create and set up a quiz ([Quizzes quick guides](#))
   - How do I add questions from a question bank?
5. How do I add a lecture / Echo 360 recording from last session’s unit to this session’s unit? ([Echo 360 quick guides](#) + [Video tour of Echo FAQs](#) by David Morgan, the Echo guru, recently given to L&T staff.) Note that automatic transcripts are now available for all recordings in Echo360. Full details in [Teche article](#).

Continue [here](#) for more iLearn quick guides for Staff. Email ilearn.help@mq.edu.au for any assistance.

**International Student Commencements**

Some may be surprised to learn that despite the current situation, we still have new international students commencing with us in S2. We are expecting approximately 250 commencements, with about 100 in PG and 150 in UG. All of the FSE PG coursework (90 enrolments in S2 so far) orientation sessions will be held online and we are also running bespoke orientation sessions on Tuesday 20th July for offshore UG commencements in Engineering (52), Computing (82), Environment (2), B.Sci (12) and B.MedSci (9) programs. Please make a special effort to welcome these offshore students, some of whom may be having to cope with horrendous pandemic conditions in their local areas while studying online with us.
The number of international commencements is only slightly lower than S2 last year but remains around half of what we would expect in a normal year when the borders are open. These numbers are expected to bounce around a little as some more students accept their offers while some who have already accepted may choose to defer to next year.

Adobe tools for Digital Literacy and Creativity in Science and Engineering, Wed 21 July, 9-10am

Did you know that all staff at Macquarie University get access to the Adobe Creative Cloud Platform? For more information, please see here.

Adobe will be hosting Digital Literacy and Creativity in Science and Engineering, a webinar for staff from the Faculty of Science and Engineering on Wednesday 21 July, 9-10am.

The purpose of this online workshop is to help you transform teaching and learning in your own way. It will focus more on learning outcomes and innovation than on software mechanics. Leverage increasingly powerful technologies to promote digital literacy, student success, critical and creative thinking, and career readiness.

Novices will learn how to flatten the learning curve, build confidence, and make an immediate impact. Advanced users will gain inspiration and models to share with their colleagues. The goal is for everyone to take away simple, high impact strategies that potentially anyone can use in their classes.

The session will feature conversation with Academics from Swinburne University of Technology, including Bita Zaferanloo, Deputy Adademic Director Students Engagement Faculty of Science Engineering and Technology, and Emily Cook, Senior Lecturer in STEM Education. Click here to join the meeting (Microsoft Teams)

Register to be sent a calendar invitation

Or simply click the link to the meeting here
Teaching Practice

- Concerned for your students' academic literacy? Consider a partnership with Learning Skills and the Library to embed literacy skills.
- See this post on resources and strategies for fostering academic integrity.
- Looking for professional development in learning and teaching, see this post on the range of opportunities available.

Library

The Library building is CLOSED until further notice. Staff are available via chat or phone 8am-6pm, Monday-Friday.

**Click & collect borrowing** is now available to staff and students. What to do:

- Request item in MultiSearch.
- You will receive an email when the item is available.
- Bring a mask & your campus card to the Library, tap to enter, and borrow your item from the staffed Collection Desk past the security gates.
- **Collection times**
  - Monday to Friday: 10am to 2pm
  - Saturday & Sunday: 1pm to 5pm

More on Library services. →

Upcoming Workshops

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Wed 21 July, 9-10am

Make the most of the great Adobe tools for yourself and your students.

Click here to join the meeting (Microsoft Teams)
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### iLearn Drop-in Clinic

**Weekdays to 30 July, 11.00am-1.00pm**

Support in setting up for Session 2 – iLearn, iTeach, Echo, Zoom + more. No appointment necessary, just join via Zoom.

Zoom:  
https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/82462716487?pwd=MIExdWxKVFZFBHVQak5tRWNnK1RMZ0

### Explore the technology in the Central Courtyard (1CC)

To be advised.

If you or any of your colleagues will be teaching in the 1CC Central Courtyard rooms for the first time in Session 2, then you may like to book in for a run through of the technology before your first class with an experienced AVTS support person to guide you, when back on campus.

See also FAQs and tips from teaching staff: Teaching in 1CC- Frequently asked questions

Register your interest here

### Gradebook Workshop

**3 August, 10.30am-12.00pm**

The Gradebook in iLearn allows you to view, add, edit, auto-calculate weightings, release and export grades as well as view student information

Register: https://teche.mq.edu.au/events/gradebook-workshop-7/

### Learning and Teaching Podcast Discussion Club (August)

**4 August, 12.00-1.00pm**
Listen (in your own time) to a podcast then join a one hour Zoom session on the first Wednesday of the month where we’ll discuss the ideas and issues raised in the episode.

Register: https://teche.mq.edu.au/events/learning-and-teaching-podcast-discussion-club-august/

**Webinar: Object-Based Learning for Digital Assessment**

4 August, 5.00-6.00pm

Object-Based Learning provides a unique opportunity for an integrated student-centred approach to digital assessment that exploits the capacity for polyvalent interaction. Recent developments in both digital imaging and visualisation systems, accessible through tablets and mobile devices, have opened up new opportunities for assessment through student interaction with compelling virtual worlds and objects. This presentation will share the practical results and applied examples of this approach for assessment.


**Teaching in iLearn for Tutors**

12 August, 10.30am-12.00pm

This workshop is designed for Tutors or Teaching Assistants who will be teaching with iLearn. It will provide participants with an overview of iLearn, how to access student work online, use forums and make announcements.

Register Now: https://teche.mq.edu.au/events/teaching-in-ilearn-for-tutors-4/

**Feedback Studio & Rubrics Workshop**

17 August, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm

Feedback Studio is a product within Turnitin that facilitates online marking and feedback. This workshop provides a hands-on opportunity to learn how to set up and use the features to provide feedback to students.

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