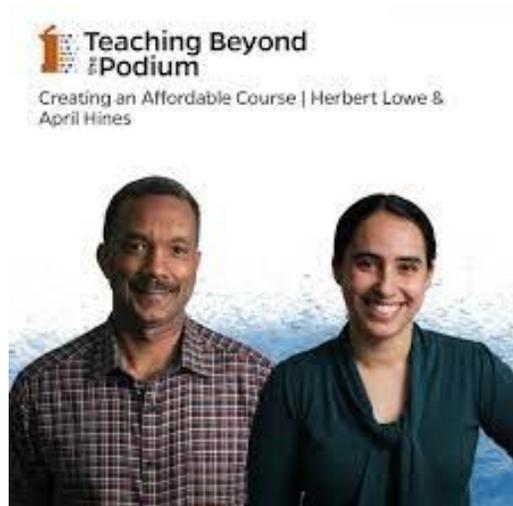




July 2022
Reinventing Connections

Featured Podcast



Creating an Affordable Course

The cost of higher education can often become a burden for many students. In this classic Teaching Beyond the Podium podcast episode hear how April Hines (College of Journalism and Communication Librarian), and Herbert Lowe (College of Journalism and Communication Lecturer) teamed up

to make course materials more affordable for University of Florida students. [Listen to Creating an Affordable Course!](#)

Strategy of the Month

Embrace Open Textbooks

Open textbooks are free textbooks that can help alleviate the burden of high textbook costs for students and provide faculty with fully customizable course content. Contrary to some arguments about their merit, open textbooks can be thorough and high-quality. Best of all, they are licensed to be freely used, edited, and distributed. In fact, many faculty right here at UF use open textbooks in their courses! Other benefits:

- Open textbooks can be downloaded at no cost and printed at low cost.
- Many open textbooks have been reviewed by faculty to ensure quality.
- Open textbooks are available in many subject areas.

Finding High-Quality Open Textbooks

[The Open Textbook Library](#): This collection contains over 1,000 freely available electronic textbooks licensed under Creative Commons. Approximately 60% of these books are faculty peer-reviewed. All can be read online and are downloadable for offline reading.

[The Pressbooks Directory](#): This resource indexes over 3,500 open textbooks published on over 100 Pressbooks networks and provides an easy-to-use interface to help you search for open textbooks. You can search for material by keyword, creative commons license, publisher, and more! You can also see which books have been adapted and revised with additional content or supplementary materials.

Featured Workshop

First Year Faculty Teaching Academy
Presented by CTE staff

Register now for the Summer 2022
First Year Faculty Teaching

Academy (FYFTA)! Offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence, this series is designed for faculty, postdocs, and graduate assistants in their first few years of teaching at UF. Learn how to create a great learning experience for your students while saving time and frustration;



Registration closes July 12, 2022, at 12:00 pm. Space is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis so [Register Now!](#)

Dates: July 19 – July 21, 2022, & July 26 – July 28, 2022

Time: 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Location: Zoom

Please Note: you must have a Passport Portal account to register for this workshop. [Create an account.](#)

Helpful Tip

Submit your Fall 2022 Textbook Adoptions by July 8, 2022

Submitting your textbook adoption on time can help save your students money! When you submit your textbook requirements on time, you help students balance their course load based on financial needs - including purchasing textbooks. Timely adoptions also afford students ample time to source their materials at lower prices.

The textbook adoption system is currently available to faculty and departments to submit their Fall 2022 course materials. For compliance with Florida Statutes, [please submit textbook adoptions no later than July 8, 2022](#). Changes to instructional materials adoptions made after the July

8, 2022 deadline will be considered out of compliance with UF Regulation 7.049 and Florida Board of Governors Regulation 8.003.

Did You Know?

Your Affordable UF Badge be Displayed in the UF Schedule of Courses



The Affordable UF Badge is a designation awarded to instructors who use required course materials that cost \$20 or less per credit hour. Badges are visible to students when they [check the student textbook portal](#). Now students can also search for and view courses awarded the badge in the [UF Schedule of Courses](#)! Marking course sections that use affordable materials serves an important purpose - it allows students to know the cost of textbooks before they enroll so they can make informed decisions about their course selections. Making your affordable course searchable in the UF Schedule of Courses is also a great way to attract new students to your course. To learn more about earning an Affordable UF Badge or marking your course as “affordable” in the Schedule of Courses, contact [Micah Jenkins](#).



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