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Events

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- **Teaching with KEEN:** Thursday, September 26, from 2p.m. to 3p.m. in Library G-11 register [here](#).
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Online Teaching Certification Seminar:

Our next S&T faculty redesigned Seminar starts on October 7th and runs until November 24th. The OTCS is designed to familiarize instructors with the information they need to deliver quality online learning experiences. The seminar supports the UM System-wide requirement that instructors teaching online courses be certified before teaching online. Over the six-week experience, your estimated time commitment of approximately 13 – 18 hours. To self-enroll for certification, click on [Canvas Catalog](#) and then select the appropriate seminar.

Quality Course Reviews

Quality Course Reviews have begun. Quality Course Reviews ensure that the course meets high pedagogical standards and is designed with students' best educational experiences in mind. It will also fulfill the UM system requirement that courses taught online go through a Quality Course Review. Before submitting a course for Quality Course Review, you can contact your Instructional Designer at CAFE, who can help you prepare or answer any questions you may have. To learn more about Quality Course Reviews, please visit our [website](#).

Mid Semester Feedback - (student feedback from Oct 5 – 13)

- Why do Mid-Semester Feedback? These surveys allow you to check-in with your students, see how they are doing, and make adjustments to your course to benefit your current students.
- This semester, FS2024, both Mid-Semester Feedback surveys will be conducted using Blue software by Explorance. This software will help us more easily manage the survey process and provide faculty with quicker access to their survey results. Blue integrates with Canvas and sends out automatic reminders to your students.
- Mid-Semester Feedback is voluntary participation. All teachers can choose to participate by opting in, but they are not required to participate.
- For more information on the Mid-Semester Feedback process please check our website: <https://cafe.mst.edu/teaching/courseevaluations/midsemesterfeedback/>

Canvas Features

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Features include:

- Available Until Dates on Announcements
- Assignment Due Dates Update
- Availability Dates and Differentiation for Pages
- Module Differentiation
- Randomize the Student List in SpeedGrader
- SpeedGrader Screen Capture Video as a Feedback Comments

For more information on any of these new features, review the document [NEW CANVAS FEATURES – FALL 2024](#)

For More Information:

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