

**Proposal for Establishing a
Center for Teaching and Learning at AUB**

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Purpose, Mission, Goals, Policies, and Structure

Purpose

The purpose of the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) at the American University of Beirut is to provide faculty members with a setting in which they have the opportunity to exchange expertise in an atmosphere of collegiality.

Mission

CTL is a multipurpose interdisciplinary unit committed to the enhancement of student learning and teaching excellence. CTL's mission is to:

1. Serve the entire academic University community;
2. Facilitate the advancement of teaching by focusing on general and specific; pedagogical approaches;
3. Promote reflective practice;
4. Provide support for individual faculty members;
5. Advance sharing views, experiences, research and practice of pedagogy;
6. Promote scholarship on teaching and learning at the college level.

Goals

Goal 1: Provide opportunities for faculty members to share teaching experiences, develop insights about teaching excellence, and conduct research on teaching and learning at the college level.

Goal 2: Provide resources to help enhance the teaching quality of all faculty members.

Goal 3: Cultivate and support a teaching community in which teaching excellence is acknowledged and valued as creative intellectual work.

Goal 4: Coordinate teaching resources that exist in various academic units at the University.

Policies

CTL policies are first and foremost consistent with the Mission of AUB. Participation in CTL programs and initiatives is voluntary. CTL activities are based on collaboration, shared responsibility, and responsiveness to the needs of faculty member.

Structure

1. An independent unit under the Office of the Provost
2. Overseen by its own advisory board from the various University faculties and schools
3. Directed and coordinated by AUB Faculty members
4. Has its own budget and support staff (secretary, graduate assistant, IT specialist, ...)
5. Housed