

**Joint Teaching Program of UC's in the Netherlands
for B(S)KO-LAS**

'UC Liberal Arts'

Workshops about the practice of teaching at UCU

**University College Utrecht
Program for spring and fall of 2015**



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Joint UC-teaching program for liberal arts teaching in the Netherlands

The teaching in a liberal arts context, especially at international honors colleges like UCU, requires special skills. For example: interactive teaching in small groups, leading discussions, teaching a culturally and academically diverse group of students, teaching the academic context and history of the discipline, interdisciplinary teaching, and teaching in English. Furthermore, teaching at a University College also entails engaging with the student community, both inside and outside the classroom. This requires an understanding of the philosophy and ideals of a liberal arts education and a basic awareness of the intellectual development of students.

One of the first initiatives of the new University Colleges Deans Network (see <https://www.universitycolleges.info>) is to offer joint opportunities for faculty development. Participating colleges will each advertise their own activities and invite colleagues from other colleges to register.



This document describes the plans at University College Utrecht.

University College Utrecht: The B(S)KO-LAS Teaching Track Workshops about the practice of teaching at UCU

Many teachers at UCU (whether employed at UU or UCU) have benefited from general training or coaching while working on their BKO portfolio. This training commonly addresses topics that are important for all teaching, such as: presenting skills, principles of testing, writing assignments and exams, course design, grading and giving feedback, use of ICT, and communicating with students. The new activities developed at UCU aim to complement this training by addressing topics specific to teaching in a liberal arts context.

The B(S)KO-LAS teaching track at UCU will consist of a stable offering of seminars and workshops, as well as an informal learning environment ('the portfolio community'). All activities will be developed in collaboration with COLUU and aim to harvest and build on good practices at UCU. The target audience consists of teachers at UCU and at participating University Colleges in the Netherlands; other interested UU faculty may register as well. Participants can attain the 'LAS teaching certificate', a certificate of participation that can be used in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a BKO certificate at UCU¹.

¹ Participants from other institutions are advised to discuss formalities with their own senior, director of education, and/or BKO committee.

About the workshops and activities for the portfolio community at UCU

Regarding the workshops: The workshops cover specific skills necessary for teaching in the liberal arts (for BKO) and for developing the liberal arts curriculum (for SKO). As such they do not go into (1) general teaching skills (such as lecturing, assessing, or designing a course) or (2) specific skills not pertaining to liberal arts teaching (such as the use of ICT), since the training of those skills is part of regular training offered at UU, in BKO programs or through COLUU.

Each workshop will:

1. Feature diverse best practices from experienced liberal arts teachers,
2. Be developed in collaboration with COLUU,
3. Introduce participants to relevant and inspiring scholarly work,
4. Entail some work before and after the meeting,
5. Provide hands-on training as well as ideas to implement in the classroom or in course and/or curriculum design,
6. Inform participant's individual teaching philosophy and approach to teaching.

Workshops will be open to UCU faculty, including UU faculty teaching at UCU (with priority), faculty at participating colleges, and other UU faculty. Registration is required and limited to 25.

Regarding the meetings of the portfolio community: Those actively working towards writing their BKO or SKO portfolio may use the meetings of the portfolio community to further discuss any matters and to get feedback on their own work. Meetings of the portfolio community are more informal than the workshops, and they provide opportunities for discussion, experimentation, and collaboration.

The B(S)KO-LAS program at UCU

We identify the following themes and sub-themes specific to liberal arts teaching:

- A. The liberal arts philosophy:
 1. History and ideals
 2. The curriculum
 3. Individual teaching philosophy
- B. Teaching one's discipline in a liberal arts and sciences program:
 1. Context and history of the discipline
 2. Different ways of knowing, grand problems, interdisciplinary teaching
- C. Liberal arts teaching skills:
 1. Teaching to a (culturally and academically) diverse group
 2. Teaching across a language divide
 3. Teaching interactively (small groups, discussions)
- D. Personal development of students:
 1. Evoking excellence (honors)
 2. Contact with the individual student (individual guidance)
 3. What college does to students: intellectual and ethical development



B(S)KO-LAS at University College Utrecht Overview 2015

Date ²	Title	Moderator(s)	Topic	Type
Tues. Feb. 17	Individual teaching philosophy	Gerard vd Ree Rosemary Orr Hetty Grunefeld (UU)	A3	Mtg. PC ³
Tues. Feb. 24	Teaching across a language divide	Annemieke Meijer Kate Kirk	C2	Workshop
Tues. March 3	Interdisciplinary teaching	Ria vd Lecq (UU-LAS) Fred Wiegant Christel Lutz	B2	Workshop
Tues. April 7	Conversations about the Liberal Arts	James Kennedy	A1	Seminar
Tues. April 21	The international classroom	Lonia Jakubowska Tatiana Bruni Annemieke Meijer	C1	Workshop
Tues. May 26	Models for a LAS curriculum	Christel Lutz Lieke Schreel (LUC)	A2	Mtg. PC
SUMMER BREAK				
Tues. Sept.	Evoking excellence	Rob van der Vaart Karin Scager (UU)	D1	Workshop
Tues. Oct.	Teacher as educator	Jocelyn Ballantyne Christel Lutz	D2	Mtg. PC
Tues. Oct/Nov	Leading discussions	Hetty Grunefeld UCU colleagues	C3	Workshop
Tues. Nov.	Individual teaching philosophy, II	Hetty Grunefeld UCU colleagues	A3	Mtg. PC
Tues. Dec.	Development and motivation	Christel Lutz Renske de Kleijn (UU)	D3	Workshop

Updated information will be circulated in the UCU Bulletin and via <http://tauu.uu.nl/>. Complete information will be on: <http://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/uchid>.

If you are interested in participating in any of the activities, please visit these pages to register.

This B(S)KO-LAS program at UCU is currently being developed by Annemieke Meijer and Christel Lutz (UCU) with Hetty Grunefeld (COLUU) and participating UCU faculty. For further information and feedback, please contact Christel Lutz (c.i.lutz@uu.nl).

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² Meetings will be held at UCU, in the afternoons (3-5 pm or 2-5 pm); dates for spring 2015 have been confirmed.

³ Mtg. PC = meeting of the portfolio community.