About Us

The Trefny Innovative Instruction Center’s mission is to inspire an institutional culture that values, studies, and implements transformative teaching and learning at Mines. We

- Advance teaching and learning through university strategic planning, initiatives, and policy,
- Promote teaching that is intentionally designed, supportive of students, focused on learning, and reflective,
- Further data-driven instruction and education research in continuous improvement, and
- Foster a collaborative, learning-centered teaching community.

Services We Offer

The Trefny Center offers a variety of services to support teaching and learning at Mines, including:

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS: We offer a variety of events throughout the year. Visit our website to see what is coming up.

LEARNING PROGRAMS: We offer in depth learning programs to support faculty in improving teaching and learning. Visit our website to see what is coming up.

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS: Do you have questions about teaching and learning? Meet with a Faculty Developer to explore your questions and brainstorm ideas. Contact facdev@mines.edu. Do you have questions about assessment or conducting classroom-based research? Contact Megan Sanders, Senior Assessment Associate, at sanders@mines.edu.

CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS: Do you want to focus on improving an aspect of your teaching? Sign up for coaching with a Trefny Center colleague. Coaching involves three parts: a pre-observation planning session, a classroom observation by a Trefny colleague, and a post-observation debrief session to share feedback and brainstorm ideas. Contact facdev@mines.edu.

EARLY COURSE FEEDBACK (ECF): Interested in collecting student feedback during on your course in time to made adjustments during the semester? An ECF is a great way to hear how students think their learning is being supported and what ideas they have for making their learning experiences better. Contact facdev@mines.edu for more information.

GROUP WORKSHOPS ON DEMAND: We have several workshops that we can facilitate for your group. Visit our website for more information.

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