



ACADEMIC CONTINUITY TEAM

Dear Faculty,

There are several good webinars coming up next week and we hope you will join us. The "*Safe Return to the Classroom with COVID Webinar*" will share important YSU Taskforce safety information and take your questions. The "*Blended Course Design Webinar*" will give you course design tools to assist with your fall modalities. See below for more details and to register!

Modalities Guide

Deciding what changes need to be made for courses using the new fall modalities can be a challenge. Modalities guides assist faculty in visualizing what the structure of a course could look like, faculty/student expectations, and classroom considerations. Adapted from a presentation by WCBA faculty Patrick Bateman and Christina Saenger. View the modalities guide on the [ACT website](#), on the right sidebar.

Upcoming Workshops

Workshop descriptions and RSVP links also on the [ACT site](#).

Connecting Students Toolkit Workshop, Thursday, July 30, 2-4P, Virtual/In Person* **RSVP** Help students learn how to:

- work on group projects
- connect with each other
- reach you as the instructor
- connect to campus support

Safe Return to the Classroom with COVID Webinar, Tuesday, August 4, 1-3:30P, **RSVP** Members of the "Calendar Scenarios for a Safe YSU Taskforce," will share key information to prepare you to return to your classrooms this fall. Provost Smith will also lead a Q&A session after the presentation. Topics include:

- The "For Pete's Sake" safety campaign information
- Syllabus statements related to COVID-19
- How to handle students who don't follow safety guidelines and policies

Blended Course Webinar, Wednesday, August 5, 1-4P, **RSVP** Participants will learn a backwards design approach and instructional strategies that will help faculty planning new fall modalities, or as a backup plan for traditional courses.

Open Question Sessions

Drop-in any Monday between 10-12 to talk through planning for your fall courses with ACT staff and other faculty. Sessions will be held on Webex via this [link](#).

Faculty Planning Circles

A Faculty Planning Circle provides opportunity to meet with other faculty, share ideas and approaches, seek ideas and feedback on your course changes, and get support from other faculty that are facing the similar challenges as we all prepare for the fall semester.

Several circles have started; contact hlfuhrman@ysu.edu if you're interested in joining or starting another.

***Note:** due to requirements regarding health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, only a limited number of in-person attendees will be allowed. In-person participants must pre-register, take a health assessment the day of the workshop, and wear a face covering while in attendance.

The Academic Continuity Team (ACT) is made up of faculty and staff from the Institute for Teaching and Learning, Office of Distance Education, and Information Technology Customer Services. Our offices have been working together since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in order to coordinate services, provide training and resources, and support faculty teaching. Visit our [website](#) for resources, training opportunities, or to contact an ACT member.

