



Dear Baylor Faculty:

As we prepare to return to on-campus instruction with the start of the fall semester just weeks away, I appreciate the flexibility and care you have demonstrated as the University responds to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although we plan to provide the highest percentage of our classes in a face-to-face format this fall, we expect to deliver a combination of face-to-face, hybrid, and online instruction. We are also preparing to be nimble during these uncertain times caused by COVID-19.

Baylor's strength is in the interactions that take place between you and our students and the intellectual, social, and spiritual development that results in their lives. Our goal is to proactively equip you with real-time support and additional resources as you navigate the challenges of providing a Baylor-quality education regardless of the method of course delivery.

Today I am pleased to announce Baylor's partnership with iDesign, a Dallas-based instructional design firm, to provide additional resources to you as we prepare for the fall semester. While iDesign focuses on online and hybrid modalities, I believe the firm's assistance will also help to create more robust face-to-face courses and enhance your overall craft of teaching. iDesign has worked with more than 100 institutions to design, build, and support award-winning online courses.

Our partnership with iDesign will enhance the robust resources already offered by the Academy of Teaching and Learning and University Libraries. This new collaboration will assist you in both developing compelling online courses and shifting quickly between delivery formats as needed. Of particular note are iDesign's Online Teaching Pathway, an immersive primer on best practices in remote teaching, its Design Masterclass Series of interactive Zoom lessons, and its support hours. **The Masterclass series**

runs from 10-11 a.m. each day for a week starting Monday, Aug. 10. The content for the Masterclass series will be recorded and can be reviewed after the initial week. The course is in each of your Canvas dashboards under the heading [Faculty Learning Hub](#).

Please look for additional information about these important resources from iDesign over the next few days. As always, I am grateful for your dedication to Baylor and her students, particularly during this time of preparing for whatever the fall semester may bring.

Sincerely,

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