



Opportunities & Challenges for Teaching & Learning

A strategic overview

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The new Learning Commons is a massive opportunity to drive the distinctiveness and quality of our teaching and learning. It places the Library at the heart of the campus in a highly visible and accessible location and it will transform how we engage in learning.

In a higher education sector in flux, we need to enhance the distinctiveness of University of Galway's reputation. We will do this by concentrating on the quality of our research-led teaching.

Digitalisation is an opportunity and a challenge. It offers new modes of delivery and assessment. However, we need to maintain academic integrity and the value of in-person engagement and interaction.

Quality teaching costs money and the higher education funding model remains unsettled. We need to demonstrate the value our university brings to our students and to our society and economy more broadly.

Our students' experience can be made more distinctive and relevant by embedding specific graduate attributes associated with our values and research strengths.

Progress is being made on sustainability and EDI. Other distinctively Galway attributes include creativity, Gaeilge and active citizenship.

