

Title: Regular and Substantive Interaction

Category: Academic Affairs

Responsible Cabinet Member: Provost

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all courses offered by the University of Kentucky provide regular and substantive interaction between instructors and students, consistent with institutional standards and applicable regulatory requirements. This policy establishes expectations for instructional engagement across all course levels and modalities and requires timely and periodic training for instructors of record to support high-quality teaching and effective student learning. (Effective Spring 2027).

Scope

All courses, at all levels at the University.

Policy

All courses at the University of Kentucky must satisfy the requirement for regular and substantive interaction. These requirements may be met when course participants interact regularly and the Instructor of Record substantively interacts with students in at least two (2) of the following ways: provides direct instruction, assesses students' learning, provides information or responds to students' questions, facilitates student discussions and other approved instructional methods.

All instructors who are listed as the Instructor of Record for any course at any level and taught in any modality are required to complete Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) training by the first day of courses for the semester in which they are assigned to teach.

Instructors of Record should repeat this training every five (5) years or repeat the training upon return to the University if their absence extends for longer than one (1) academic year.