



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



Palacký University
Olomouc

Palacký University and University of Minnesota Professional Learning Community

Together towards excellence in teaching!

As an internationally minded colleague, you find it important to open the world to your students and prepare them to be ready to work in an interconnected world. You are ready to venture out, create international classrooms for your students, improve your teaching, exchange, and grow together with University of Minnesota colleagues? However, you feel that you don't have the opportunity – or perhaps a facilitated space – to co-design course, benchmark your teaching or exchange teaching tips?

We are proud to announce the launch of a unique professional development opportunity – a **UMN-UP Professional Learning Community (PLC)**. We are looking for enthusiastic colleagues who would like to connect with University of Minnesota as well as across UP, grow their professional network, step out of their own bubble, and improve teaching and learning practices by actively seeking global input to make a local impact at UP.

What is UMN-UP PLC?

- On-line interdisciplinary COMMUNITY of ACADEMICS who **exchange their expertise** and **develop teaching competences, work together on joint design** and **delivery of curricular projects** – of their choice.
- IT IS NOT TRAINING, but a facilitated space of collegial exchange, with shared ownership and individual commitment.
- Regular monthly on-line meetings (90 mins) for the duration 1 year, Sept 2022–May 2023
- Facilitators: Dr. Christopher Johnstone, Dr. Gayle Woodruff, Dr. Eva Janebová, Mgr. Jana Ter-Akopov Čemusová, Mgr. Petra Key.

For whom:

- Open to **academics and PhD candidates** from any discipline who want:
 - to improve teaching of our students and get new tools and tips,
 - to share in intercultural collegial space and to exchange knowledge with UMN colleagues,
 - to advance your international academic career through intensive experiences.
- You can join in an existing partnership with colleague at UMN or alone (you can reach out to us, and we can try to find you a matching discipline UMN colleague).

Currently, we are looking for 15–20 colleagues across UP who would like to commit to our community with 90 mins monthly on-line meetings over one academic year 2022/2023.

What you learn?

- **PARTICIPANTS' CHOICE** – participants decide what are their needs and goals to learn, perhaps:
 - how to (co-)design internationalized modules/courses/short-term study visits, or
 - how to improve your (co-)teaching and facilitation of international classrooms, or
 - how to do COIL together, etc.

When we start?

If interested, **come to our FOCUS GROUP, MAY 10th 3–4:30pm in Velká zasedací místnost RUP** and tell us what you need, want to learn and/or share with UMN colleagues.

Please confirm your participation by e-mail: jana.cemusova@upol.cz by Monday, May 9th.

UMN–UP tandem community is a part of an Erasmus⁺ project 2021-1-CZ01-KA220-HED-000032178 piloting tandem PLCs among Czech and European universities to Support academics to become international educators and to advance internationalization of our universities. For more see [here](#).

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