

The Teaching Portfolio – Composition, Structure, Contents and Format

The following compilation shows the usual elements as internationally recognized and/or recommended. The sequential arrangement can be altered according to individual needs. The resultant portfolio should be coherent and readable, thus focusing on both the subject's teaching culture and the teaching personality.

Element and Aim	Contents	Form/ Format/ Extent
Introduction		
Teaching Philosophy <i>Describes the teaching personality</i>	Explains the way you experience teaching, the fundamental (didactic) concepts behind your teaching, the attitude towards the students' learning process, the link to your research , what characterizes your teaching personality , the values transferred through your teaching, your attitude towards your subject's teaching culture , etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>running text</i> • <i>I-statements</i> • <i>avoid: generalization, details on didactic concepts, methods etc.</i> • <i>½ - ¾ page; 8-15 Sätze</i>
Brief Biography <i>Offers an overview of academic career</i>	Gives a brief overview of your academic career with focus on teaching and learning , e.g. first teaching experiences as tutor, first student supervision(s), etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>running text or bullet points</i> • <i>does not replace the written cv</i>
Main part		
Teaching Experience (past and Present) shows extent, level and diversity of your teaching	For each course: title/topic, position in curriculum (term), university, extent (ECTS), language, format, taught where, how often, number of students attending, on one's own responsibility, link to TUMonline Supervision of practicals, students' projects, theses (BSc, MSc, PhD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>bullet points</i> • <i>chronologically if little experience so far</i> • <i>sorted according to topics of courses if more experienced</i> • <i>highlight beginners' / introductory courses</i>
Teaching Concept <i>shows ability to plan a balanced course, diversity of methods, learning outcomes</i>	Concept with elements of Constructive Alignment : learning outcomes, assessment format, teaching methods/formats; schedule, bibliographical reference, tutorials, ECTS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>bullet points</i> • <i>strongly related/based on module description</i> • <i>1 or 2 concepts, 1o2 pages each</i>
Additional Teaching Activities <i>shows commitment on top of „normal“ teaching</i>	e.g. implementation of an online study forum (e-Learning), guest lectures, additional literature seminars, office hours, revision courses, cooperation with local industry to foster students' projects, etc.; also membership in faculty recruiting boards, teaching awards/ competitions, publications, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>bullet points</i> • <i>brief explanation, if necessary</i>
Evaluations/Feedback <i>shows the appreciation of constructive feedback and it's importance for reflection on teaching</i>	students' evaluation, means to receive students' feedback, teaching consultations, coaching, etc.; always commented critically, with added concrete measures for optimization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>running text or bullet points</i> • <i>choose items carefully, corresponding to teaching philosophy, teaching concept(s), subject culture, proper balance between positive/flattering and not-so-positive/critical, etc.</i> • <i>if possible pick feedback items from courses represented in chapter on teaching concepts</i> • <i>full evaluation forms in appendix only</i> • <i>extent: 3 to 5 items, maximum one page.</i>

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Further Education <i>shows type and amount of further education regarding teaching and learning</i>	attended courses/workshops, certificates of higher education, hospitations, coachings, consultations, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>bullet points</i> • <i>name topics covered if not obvious through title</i>
Outlook/ Future Perspective		
Courses Planned/ Desired <i>shows creativity, willingness to take on teaching duty, a clear view for teaching demands</i>	For each course: title/topic, position in curriculum (term), university, extent (periods per week, ECTS), brief contents overview, clear statement for relevance (e.g. in the form of learning outcomes); if used for application for teaching position: point out possible cooperations with future colleagues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>bullet points</i> • <i>2 to 3 "new" courses</i> • <i>if used in applications: adapt to future university's curriculum</i>
Teaching Projects Planned <i>shows extra commitment, sensitivity for present needs/demands</i>	justified add-ons for teaching and learning, i.e. revision courses, office hours, support for younger colleagues, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>running text or bullet points</i> • <i>if possible briefly explain existing pilot projects</i> • <i>2 to 3 projects max.</i>
Appendix		
Evaluations	statistical summary rather than full text; further details on demand	
Excerpts of Scripts/ Slides	e.g. list of topics covered, chapters, learning outcomes, summaries, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>excerpts; 6 to 8 pages max.</i> • <i>add only if really significant</i>
Assessments and worksheets	e.g. supporting the teaching concept(s) (see main part)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>excerpts</i> • <i>add only if really significant</i>
Module Descriptions	e.g. supporting the teaching concept(s) (see main part)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>add only if really significant</i> • <i>only when responsible for the module at hand</i>
Certificate(s)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>only if relevant for teaching</i>