

Faculty with Academic Rank Teaching First-Year Students

Questions: Are faculty with academic rank teaching first-year students on university campuses? Does the assignment of faculty with academic rank to teach first-year students vary by university?

Note: These questions focusing on the academic rank of faculty teaching first-year students are posed only for the university main campuses and university regional campuses and are not posed for two-year institutions. This is because the use of academic rank (e.g. Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor) is much more common and consistent at universities than it is at two-year colleges.

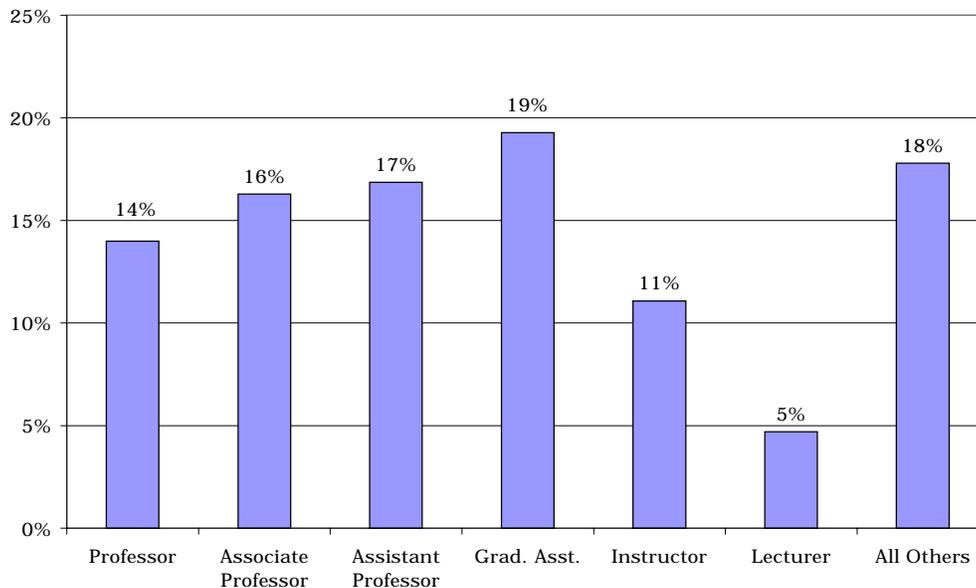
Why faculty with academic rank are teaching first-year students? High quality instruction may occur with graduate students, or adjunct faculty as well as faculty who are either Professors, Associate Professors, or Assistant Professors. Generally, though faculty with academic rank are tenured or tenure track and have demonstrated their excellence in teaching as part of the tenure review process. Also, faculty with academic rank have helped develop a university's curriculum. Prospective students and their families may view having faculty with academic rank teaching first-year students as a measure of a college or university's commitment to helping first-year students succeed with attention and instruction from faculty who are the most experienced teachers and the most knowledgeable about their disciplines.

National Answers: *There are no known benchmark indicators addressing the academic rank of faculty teaching first-year students.*

Statewide Answers: *Almost half (47%) of first-year student credit hours are taught by faculty with academic rank.*

- Forty-seven percent of first-year student credit hours are earned by students being taught by faculty with academic rank.
- Seventeen percent of first-year student credit hours are taught by Assistant Professors.
- Fifty-three percent of first-year student credit hours are earned by students being taught by graduate assistants, instructors, lecturers, or other faculty who do not have academic rank.

Percentage of First-Year Student Credit Hours Taught by Faculty of Various Academic Ranks at Ohio's State-Supported Universities - Autumn 1998



Campus Answers: Universities vary in their use of faculty with academic rank for instruction of first-year students.

**Percentage of First-Year Student Credit Hours Taught by Faculty with Academic Rank
Autumn 1998**

University Branch Campuses

Institution	Campus	Professor	Assoc. Professor	Asst. Professor
Bowling Green State University	Firelands	12%	11%	26%
Kent State University	Ashtabula	7%	2%	75%
	East Liverpool	1%	13%	65%
	Geauga	0%	17%	65%
	Salem	2%	5%	49%
	Stark	3%	26%	62%
	Trumbull	5%	17%	67%
	Tuscarawas	2%	21%	59%
Miami University	Hamilton	4%	29%	14%
	Middletown	4%	19%	11%
The Ohio State University	Agricultural Technical Institute	0%	24%	24%
	Lima	2%	31%	34%
	Mansfield	1%	22%	18%
	Marion	22%	20%	8%
	Newark	9%	17%	14%
Ohio University	Chillicothe	7%	14%	29%
	Eastern	1%	8%	48%
	Lancaster	3%	44%	18%
	Southern	0%	5%	3%
	Zanesville	8%	31%	24%
University of Akron	Wayne	2%	18%	11%
University of Cincinnati	Clermont	2%	8%	43%
	Raymond Walters	18%	22%	32%
Wright State University	Lake	0%	52%	16%

University Main Campuses

Bowling Green State University	12%	15%	17%
Central State University	10%	14%	59%
Cleveland State University	18%	26%	12%
Kent State University	9%	5%	14%
Miami University	26%	15%	13%
The Ohio State University	14%	8%	7%
Ohio University	13%	28%	16%
Shawnee State University	11%	13%	13%
University of Akron	10%	9%	18%
University of Cincinnati	24%	20%	23%
University of Toledo	16%	21%	8%
Wright State University	10%	28%	15%
Youngstown State University	30%	14%	15%