

2025: A LOOK INTO the **FUTURE** of HIGHER EDUCATION

The Wiley Faculty Fellows, a group of distinguished instructors from Wiley's partner institution network, recently looked at current trends to predict how the experiences, expectations, and needs of students and faculty may change, and how institutions and programs might evolve as a result.

Read on to learn how higher education might look by 2025.

Students

A Consumer Mindset

They'll expect institutions to function like businesses, demanding convenience, personalization, and quality.



Tangible Results

Increased focus on gaining concrete skills that enable them to graduate with a job and facilitate career mobility.



A Demand for Engaging Experiences

Expectation that learning will be entertaining, immersive, purpose-driven, and experiential.



Challenges in the Classroom

They'll continue to need help with writing, critical thinking, and professional skills.



Faculty

Technology Savvy

They'll need to stay abreast and be comfortable with new instructional technologies and changes.



A Multidisciplinary Approach

They'll straddle several disciplines to support applied learning and more adjuncts moving between fields.



More Efficient Grading

Better rubrics and automation will enable them to provide higher-quality feedback.



New Teaching Models

Team teaching, co-teaching, and teaching-only positions will be common.



A Continuous Learning Environment

Teaching will no longer be confined to traditional work hours.



Institutions and Programs

More Technology

Instruction and curricula will feature digital tools and media even more prominently.



Complex Thinking Required

Will seek to be vehicles of societal transformation, preparing students to solve complex global issues.



Job Preparation

They'll provide job training and vetting services.



Blurred Modalities

Expect online and traditional face-to-face learning to merge.



Adaptation to Workplace Needs

They'll adapt coursework to meet employer needs for workforce expertise.



More Competency-Based Education

They'll allow students to master a skill or competency at their own pace.



Micro-Certificates

Shorter, more compact programs will provide needed knowledge and skills fast.



Greater Affordability and Accessibility

They'll position educational programs to support greater availability.



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