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FACILITATING STUDENT DISCUSSIONS



When students discuss important ideas, they mentally consolidate information, apply the language of the field and often refine their own ways of thinking about a subject. Effective facilitation strategies will help you set the stage for productive conversations.

[Watch Here](#)

ONLINE TEACHING TIP: PROVIDING EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK

Providing effective feedback is critical for student learning and satisfaction in the online environment. There are several strategies instructors can use to make your feedback more impactful for students. Here are some essential tips:

- **Build Instructor-Student Rapport:** Personalize feedback by using students' names, an informal tone and relating feedback to specific student work.
- **Promote Student Motivation and Engagement:** Provide feedback quickly to reinforce learning and allow students to improve before

assessments. Timeliness promotes student motivation and engagement.

- **Improve Student Learning:** Use formative assessments like discussion posts or low-stakes quizzes to check understanding and give elaborative feedback throughout the course.
- **Aid in Student Learning:** Give both verification feedback on whether answers are right/wrong and elaborative feedback explaining why and how to improve.
- **Use Tech:** Leverage technology tools like screencasts or annotation tools to provide quality elaborative feedback efficiently without overly increasing grading time.
- **Incorporate Variety:** Vary feedback modes using text, audio, or video. Variety accommodates different learning preferences.
- **Reinforces Purpose:** Relate feedback directly to the course learning objectives so students understand the relevance to core course goals.

Providing personalized, timely and formative feedback in various modes allows you to have a more significant impact on student learning and satisfaction. Consider trying some of these tips in your next online course feedback opportunity.

CANVAS ZOOM CHATS

These virtual chats are designed to create a space for discussing and answering questions about the specific mechanics of the Canvas online learning platform. These will all be offered twice on their respective dates. One starts at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. You only need to register for a single time slot on each day.

[Register Here](#)

LEARNING MORE ABOUT CANVAS

We have many resources available for faculty to learn more about Canvas. Whether you are just starting here at OSU or are a seasoned pro, there is sure to be something to expand your Canvas knowledge!

CANVAS TIPS

NEED HELP WITH YOUR COURSE DESIGN?

As the semester progresses, remember that ITLE teaching support specialists are happy to assist. You can reach out to kdickey@okstate.edu or gina.morris@okstate.edu for assistance.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT TEACHING ONLINE?

Contact ITLE for assistance with your online teaching questions.

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