STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES



Goal

By the end of this session, you will have:

Developed some ideas for active engagement in your classroom



 Planned the use of two collaboration tools in your classroom



Active Learning with the Flip

>What is Active Learning?

- Anything that students are doing in the classroom beyond passive listening; instructional method that engages students in the learning process
 - Listening practices
 - Short writing/problem-solving exercises
 - Complex group problem-solving
- >What are some strategies that you are currently using?

>Why the Flip?

- Flipped allows faculty to be more thoughtful/ strategic in course delivery and active learning.
- >Allows for faculty to engage students in higher levels of Bloom's taxonomy (e.g., integration, synthesis).
- Flipped learning allows faculty to be more studentcentric and to use more <u>active learning strategies</u> (and direct interaction to enhance engagement).

>Core Considerations

- >Inputs (demographics, previous experiences)
- > Student's current environments (college experiences)
- >Outcomes (student characteristics, knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, values)
- How can these concepts affect the students' engagement in the classroom?

Four areas to think about when developing activities:

- > *Physical engagement:* efforts and energy invested
- Cognitive engagement in class: focus on discussion, attention, concentration
- Cognitive engagement out of class: studying course material, absorbed by out of class activities
- Emotional engagement: excitement, pride in work, interest in course material

What strategies can be used?Physical engagement:

➤Cognitive engagement in class:

Cognitive engagement out of class:

Emotional engagement:

Active Learning Strategies

- >Individual Student Activities:
 - >One/five minute problem- pose a question and ask students to solve.
 - Muddiest point- what was challenging from reading/out-ofclass materials
 - Reading/Clicker quiz- get feedback on student's understanding of material
 - Write a test question- students get actively involved in thinking about more complex problems
 - Fishbowl- use notecards to give you ideas about muddlest point and then start next class with those challenges

Active Learning with the Flip

>Group Activities:

- Notes comparison/ sharing- students actively compare notes and fill in gaps of understanding
- Work at the board- students physically get up and move, shared problem-solving
- Gallery walk- teams share ideas and respond to meaningful questions, problem-solving situations or texts
- Jigsaw- each member of a group is asked to complete some discrete part of an assignment; when every member has completed his assigned task, the pieces can be joined together to form a finished project

Learning Objectives and Active Learning with the Flip

- Choose one basic learning objective and one advanced learning objective from the morning session
 - <u>Basic:</u> Individual space activities- What activity best aligns with meeting this objective? Is it active? If not, how can it be transformed?
 - Advanced: Group space activities- What activity best aligns with meeting this objective? Is it active? If not, how can it be transformed?

>Some examples:

http://www.usf.edu/atle/documents/handout-interactivetechniques.pdf

≻Share and critique...

Active Learning Tools



Simple tools to help with active learning and engagement:

≻LMS

≻Moodle Wikis

- ▶ REEF iClickers, Choices, or Poll Everywhere/Top Hat
- >Chats, Google hangouts- for conferencing with groups
- Google docs- for creating shared documents when there is no whiteboard
- Google forms- used for assessment of understanding

Active Learning Tools



- >Advanced tools to help with active learning:
 - <u>Piazza</u>- online problem-solving place where students can ask, answer, and explore questions under the guidance of their instructors (mix between wiki and forum), includes LaTex (equation editor)
 - <u>Slack:</u> digital workspace, rich messaging system
 - Voice Thread: collaborative tool, holds images, documents, and videos and allows people to navigate slides and leave comments in 5 ways - using voice, text, audio file, or video
 - <u>Padlet</u>: online bulletin board with collaborative access (share links, ideas)
 - <u>EverNote/OneNote</u>: interactive notetaking tools, allows for students to organize their notes, searchable

Active Learning Tools

- ≻Explore some tools!
 - ► Top 100 Tools for Education:
 - <u>http://c4lpt.co.uk/top100tools/top100-edu/</u>
 - Pick two and think about how you would use them in your class.
- >Appendix in Talbert's Book
 - Recommendations for the Flipped Classroom

Why work on Student Engagement?

>Student Outcomes:

- Good predictor of student learning and development
- Documented and significant relationship with learning outcomes
- Long-term impacts of student engagement in career satisfaction, earnings

► Faculty Outcomes:

>Why should we focus energy on this topic?

Final Thoughts...

- >Does flipping and active learning reach all students?
- >What are some obstacles for active learning in the Flipped approach?

≻Pair-Strategize:

- How would you address these obstacles to increase student engagement?
- >Strategies/Tools Using technology always the best?

