Developing Classroom Materials and Activities

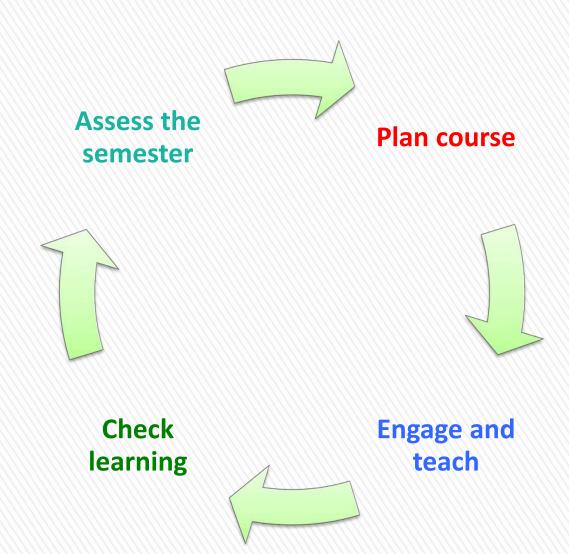
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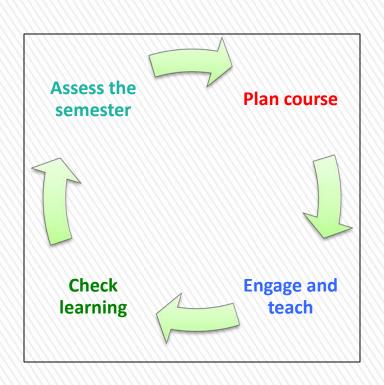
Nutrition, Food & Exercise Sciences

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Outline

- Course Planning
 - Course goals
 - Learning objectives
 - Deciding on materials
- Engage and Teach
 - Materials and activities
- Check Learning
 - Throughout the semester
 - Assessing exam questions
- Creating Assignments
- Assessing the Semester



Before your class starts...

Create Course Goals and Learning Objectives

Writing Course Goals

- Main themes or ideas for the course
- Broad/overarching goals
- The instructor's goals for the course

Examples:

- Students will understand the basic concepts behind sports business
- This course will introduce students to music from the Baroque, Classical, and Romantic periods
- This course will help students learn how to design a safe and effective exercise program for a healthy adult

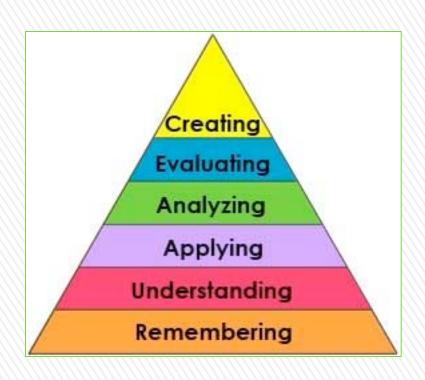
Writing measurable learning objectives

Start with clear direction

Learning objectives

- Statements which describe what the learner is expected to achieve as a result of instruction.
- Guide teacher and Learner
 - + Allow analysis of teaching and learning
- o Contain measurable verb

Writing measurable learning objectives



Plan, Propose, Construct, Organize
Judge, Revise, Estimate, Choose
Differentiate, Compare, Contrast, Relate
Translate, Illustrate, Dramatize, Use
Discuss, Identify, Locate, Explain
Define, list, Name, Memorize

Examples:

- Students will be able to define Newton's three laws of motion
- Students will be able to explain the effect of population size on environmental resources
- Students will be able to create an exercise plan to accomplish a client's specific fitness goals.

Outcomes Matrix

Course Goals	Learning Objectives	
This course will teach students how to administer exercise testing protocols	List the procedures for each exercise test	
	Demonstrate how to perform each test	
	Explain and administer test to someone else	

Think about...



 What kind of instructional activities will you use to achieve those outcomes?

 What kind of assessment tools will you use to assess those outcomes?

Outcomes Matrix

Course Goals	Learning Objectives	Instructional Activities	Assessments
This course will teach students how to administer exercise testing protocols	List the procedures for each exercise test	~Lecture ~Class notes ~Review games	~Exams ~Quizzes ~Case Study
	Demonstrate how to perform each test	Practice in class – as a group and individually	Laboratory Practical
	Explain and administer test to someone else	Complete a "skills" sheet that needs to be checked off by TA	Laboratory Practical

Reading Materials

Syllabus

Class materials

Assessments

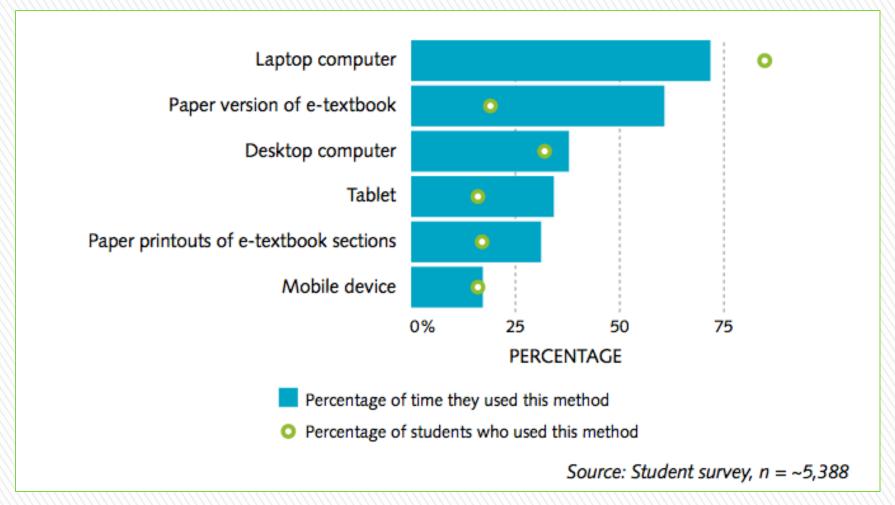
Choosing Reading Material



- Objectives of the readings should match goals and learning objectives of the course
- Cost
 - 65% of students reported not buying a textbook due to high cost
 - 45% of students reported not registering for a course due to high cost
- Consider the difficulty level of the textbook/readings for the course level

Choosing Reading Material

Online version/Online tools?



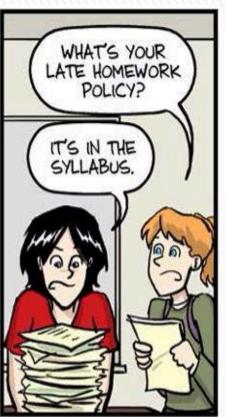
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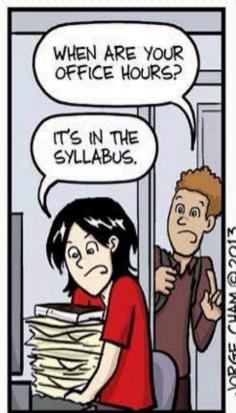
Online version/Online tools?

- Length
 - Rule of thumb: Multiply the number of pages by 5 minutes

Supplement textbook with additional readings









IT'S IN THE SYLLABUS

This message brought to you by every instructor that ever lived.

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Course Calendar

Date		
Lab	Topic/Activity	Readings/Assignments
Lab 1		
Week of August 31st	Blood Pressure and Heart Rate	Reading: Lab Manual: Ch 3 Homework: Blood pressure worksheet, study for quiz
Lab 2		
Week of September 14 th	EKG: Electrode Placement <i>Quiz 1</i>	Reading: EKG Book: Ch 1 Due: Blood pressure worksheet, Study for quiz Homework: Label EKG
Lab 3		
Week of September 21st	EKG: Enlargement and hypertrophy Quiz 2	Reading: EKG Book: Ch 2 Due: Labelled EKG Homework: Complete EKG questions

~Power point ~Notes sheet ~BP worksheet ~BP cuffs, stopwatch

- Presentation style
- Online or outside materials
- Handouts
- In-class assignments/activities
- Group work

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	Quiz 1	Homework: Label EKG	
Lab 3			
		Reading: EKG Book: Ch 2	
Week of September 21st	EKG: Enlargement	Due: Labelled EKG	
	and hypertrophy Quiz 2	Homework: Complete EKG questions	

Student's attention span lasts approximately 15 minutes (Burns, 1985)



Change it up every 15 minutes

~Power point
~Notes sheet
~BP worksheet
~BP cuffs, stopwatch



Lesson Plan Sheet

Diversify materials

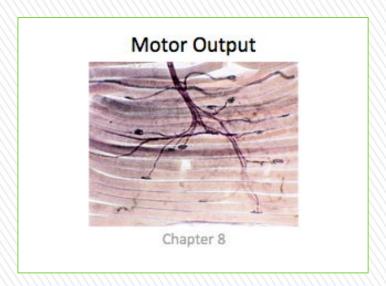
Diverse materials enhance engagement and learning

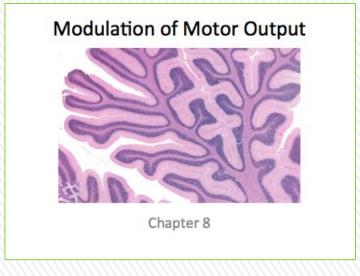
- Although preferences exist, there is not strong evidence of learning styles (Paschler et al, 2008)
- There is evidence that multisensory information from multiple sources generally enhances learning (Farkas, 2003)

- » Piquing interest
 - Case study
 - Current events

» Interspersed with material

- Media
- Humor
- Classroom activities

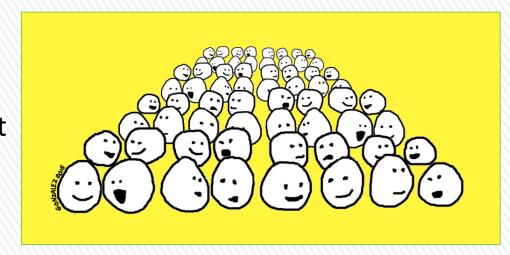






» Classroom activities

- > Chat Stations
- > Snowball Discussion
- > What has been your most successful experiment in student engagement?
- > Think, Pair, Share



Other great activities at:

http://www.cultofpedagogy.com/speaking-listening-techniques/

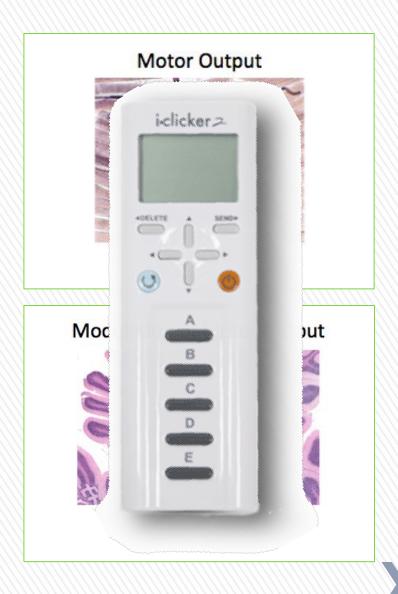


» Piquing interest

- > Case study
- > Current events

» Interspersed with material

- > Media
- > Humor
- > Classroom activities
- > iClickers or other voting devices
- > Review questions



Check learning

- » Even before reaching topic!
- » In class
 - > Not necessarily directed at individuals
- » Self-checking



Check learning

» Tests

- > Difficulty shows fraction of students with correct answer
 - + Range of difficulty
 - + But if difficult for everyone, could indicate weaknesses
- Discrimination Index indicates degree to which highest scoring students excelled on this question

D Range	Interpretation
$0.40 \le D \le 1.00$	Satisfactory discrimination
$0.30 \le D < 0.40$	Some revisions may be required to the item
0.20 ≤ D < 0.30	The item needs revision
-1.00 ≤ D < 0.20	The item needs to be removed or completely revised

Summary of Item Analysis

Item	A	B	C	D	E	Invalid
Q 17	56*	5	32	9	0	0
Q 24	6	56*	1	39	0	0
Q 12	28	9	58*	7	0	0

Item	Difficulty	Discrimination Index
Q 17	0.549	0.308
Q 24	0.549	0.615
Q 12	0.569	0.192

$$DI = (a - b) / n$$

- DI Discrimination Index
- a Response frequency of the upper quartile
- b Response frequency of the lower quartile
- n Number of respondents in the upper quartile



Developing Assignments/Assessments

- Reflects learning outcomes
- Determine difficulty and time required to complete
- Make weight consistent with effort
- Clearly communicate the purpose, expectations, and requirements
- Provide Rubric

Sample Rubric

Project Element	Less Effective	Somewhat Effective	More Effective			
Case Study (100 points)						
Risk Stratification	Missing/incorrect risk factors listed, incorrect stratification, and lacks stratification justification (0 - 2 pts)	All cardiovascular risk factors are listed and client is stratified into the correct risk category (low, moderate, or high risk), but with 1 or 2 incorrect risk factor and/or stratification. Justification for the stratification is provided. OR: All risk factors and stratification is correct, but no justification is provided (3 - 6 pts)	All appropriate cardiovascular risk factors are listed and client is stratified into the correct risk category (low, moderate, or high risk). Justification for the stratification is provided. (7 - 10 pts)			
Aerobic Program	Aerobic program is lacking 3 or more of the following: FITT principles, modifications for special considerations/special populations, progression, way for client to measure intensity. OR: 1 or 2 elements are missing, but the program is not aligned with client's fitness level and goals (0 - 2 pts)	Appropriate aerobic program is created, but lacks one or two of the following: FITT principles, modifications for special considerations/special populations, progression, way for client to measure intensity. OR: All elements are included, but program is not aligned with client's fitness level and goals (3 - 6 pts)	Appropriate aerobic program is created according to recommended frequency, intensity, time, and type (FITT principles) as well as modifications for special considerations and/or special populations. Appropriate progression principles are utilized. An appropriate way that the client can measure intensit is provided. (7 - 10 pts)			



Assess the Semester

- Revise Test Bank
- Collect student feedback
- Ask for peer evaluation
- Identify strengths and weaknesses
 - o What went well?
 - O What did not go so well?
- Modify class plans
- Modify class materials

Summary



Assess the semester

- Revise test bank
- Collect student feedback



Plan course

 Outcome matrix as basis for course



Check learning

- Throughout learning process
- Using testing center feedback



Engage and teach

- Start with clear direction
- Diversify materials

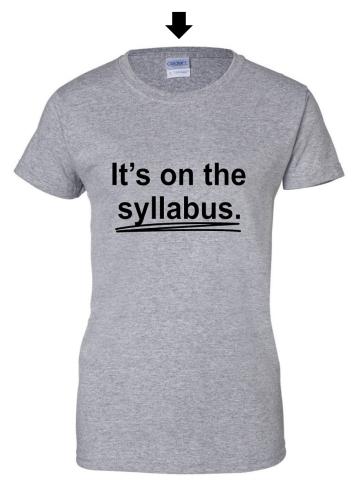
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