

Effective and Flexible Course Design: The Big Picture

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Welcome

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Let's get started!

Throughout this session, we hope that you will have opportunities to:

- Examine and discuss evidence informed and pedagogically aligned flexible teaching and learning approaches; and
- Explore how to apply flexible teaching and learning strategies to your own courses.

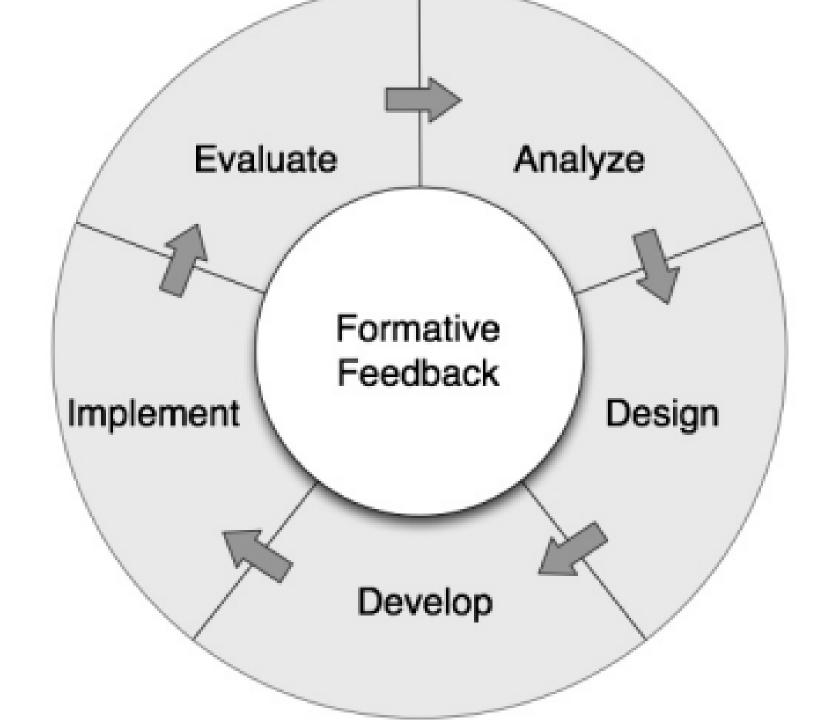


How are we feeling?

- Think of three words that represent how you, personally, are feeling about course preparation for the Fall 2020 semester.
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ADDIE Model



Taylor Institute (2014).

Where does your course fit?

Contextual Factors: Course-level

- Year/level of course
- Prerequisites and restrictions
- Course description

Contextual Factors: Policies

- Class sizes, number of sections
- Class length
- Department
- University

Setting Effective Targets

What are the most important things that students should be able to know (content knowledge) or do (skill development) by the end of the course?

Instructional Goals	Learning Outcomes/Targets		
 Focus on what the <i>instructor</i> will 	 Learner centredness is key: focus 		
do in the lesson/course	is on what the <i>learner</i> will do in		
 Answers the question: "What 	the lesson/course		
opportunities does this	 Answers the question: "What 		
lesson/course provide students?"	should the student be able to		
	do/know by the end of this		
	lesson/course?"		
Example:			
	Example:		
This slide will enhance participants			
knowledge about the difference	By the end of this slide, participants		
between instructor goals and	will be able to identify the key		
intended learning outcomes.	differences between instructor goals		

and intended learning outcomes.

Setting Effective Targets

CREATING

USE INFORMATION TO CRITICALLY FXAM

CREATE SOMETHING NEW

Design, Build, Construct,

Plan, Produce, Devise, Invent

EVALUATING

CRITICALLY EXAMINE INFO &

MAKE JUDGEMENTS

Judge, Test, Critique,

Defend, Criticize

ANALYZING

TAKE INFO APART &

EXPLORE RELATIONSHIPS

Categorize, Examine,

Compare/Contrast, Organize

APPLYING

USE INFORMATION IN A NEW (BUT SIMILAR) SITUATION

Use, Diagram, Make a Chart, Draw, Apply, Solve, Calculate

UNDERSTANDING

UNDERSTANDING & MAKING SENSE OUT OF INFORMATION

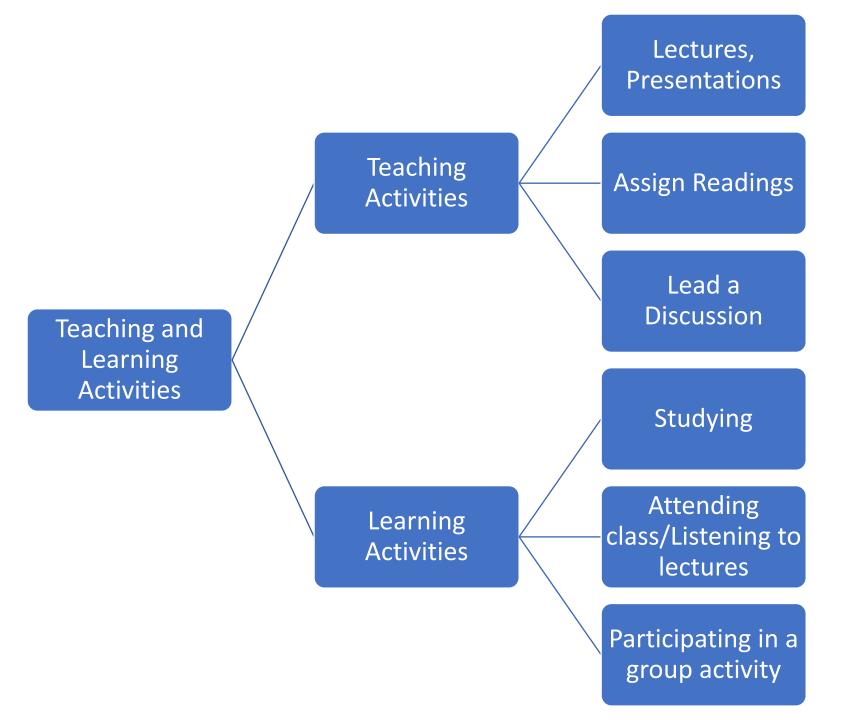
Interpret, Summarize, Explain, Infer, Paraphrase, Discuss

REMEMBERING

FIND OR REMEMBER INFORMATION List, Find, Name, Identify, Locate,

Describe, Memorize, Define

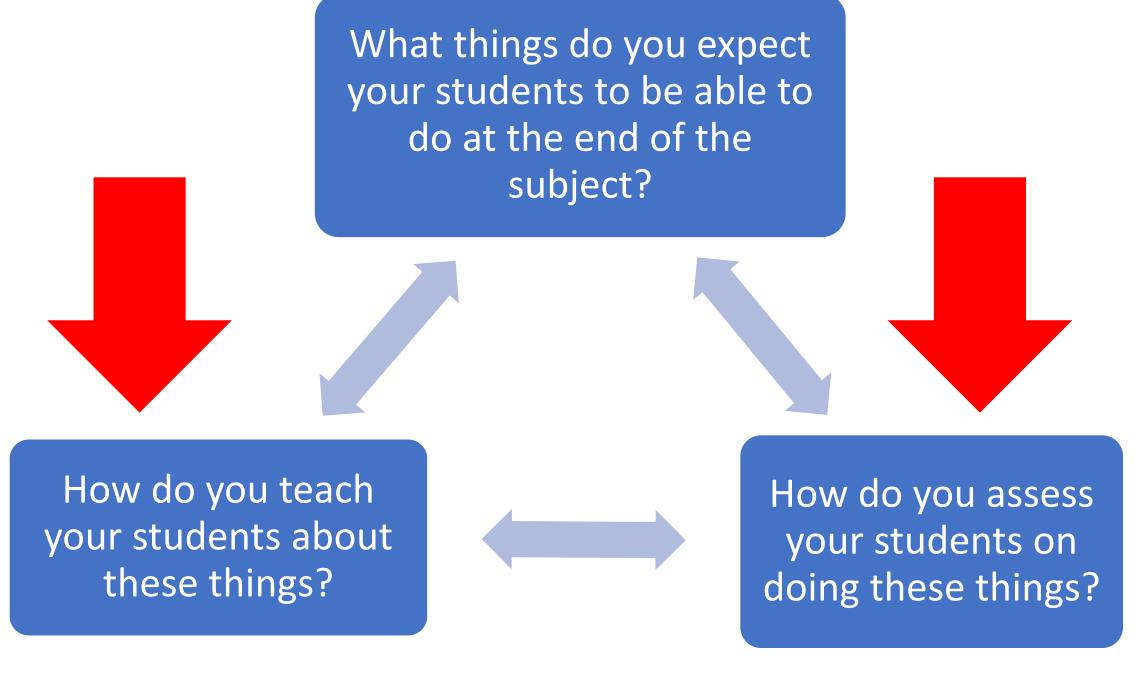
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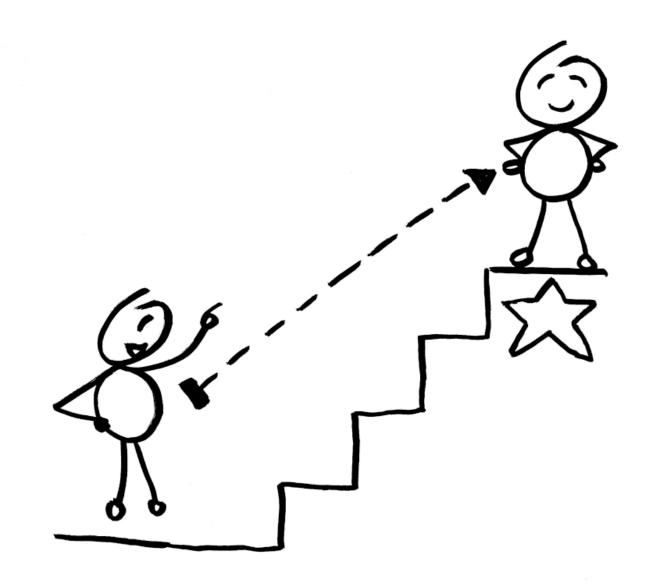


Selecting Teaching and Learning Activities

- Important to build alignment across the intended outcomes (targets), the instructional methods (teaching), and the assessment (learner activities) (Biggs, 2016).
- This is where you can pivot and be *flexible*



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Course Planning Process (one option)





Course Planning Template

Dates/ Lesson #	Topics to be Covered	Key Intended Outcomes	Teaching Activities Planned	Learning Activities Planned	Materials/Tools Required	Prep/Actions Required
EXAMPLE September 12 th Lesson #3	- Intro to reflective practice (RP) - Review RP techniques	- Learners should be able to define RP in their own words - Learners should be able to identify at least 3 RP techniques and articulate how to apply at least 2 of them to their own context	- Powerpoint slides and presentation - Facilitated/guided discussion - Provide a worksheet/one page summary handout	- Small group discussions (with set of questions and topics)	- Zoom pro license (breakout rooms needed) -	- Finalize powerpoint slides - Put participants into breakout room groupings - Get co-facilitator to edit worksheet/ summary draft

Course Planning Process: Key considerations

- Look for alignment and pay attention to learning processes
- Consider incorporating flexible delivery methods
- Consider using different kinds of media (helps satisfy different learner preferences and creates robust learning experiences!)
- Think about how you can make at least some aspects interactive
- Don't forget about accessibility considerations



Lesson
Planning
Template

Topic

Time required

Course Outcome(s)

Teaching activities

Learning activities

Assessment

Lesson Planning Template: Example

Topic: Developing Meaningful Learning Outcomes

Week: 3

Time required: 1.5 hours

Intended Lesson Outcome(s):

- Examine and apply Bloom's Taxonomy to learning course development
- Create learning outcomes that increase in level of thinking

Teaching activities

 Review literature related to Bloom's Taxonomy and student success

Learning activities

- Think-Pair-Share "What is one thing you already know about outcomes?"
- Gallery walk (virtual)

Assessment

• Written Assignment and Reflection

Tips for Developing a Lesson Plan (in the time of COVID!)

Taking the time to plan things out now will help you in the long run

Remember to ensure constructive alignment-prioritize your outcomes!

Consider how flexibility could be incorporated into your teaching and learning activities

Watch out for expert blind spot and cognitive load issues

Don't be afraid to try something new. You can test it out in advance and we are all in this together

Takeaways

- What is one takeaway from this session you will consider in your own teaching practice?
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Additional Resources

- Teaching and Learning Resource Centre (CSAHS) https://tle.uoguelph.ca/
- Teaching and Learning Resource Website (LANG)
 https://www.uoguelph.ca/lang/teaching-learning-resources
- Remote Teaching Webinar Series (OpenEd)
 https://opened.uoguelph.ca/instructor-resources/remote-teaching-webinar-series
- Remote Teaching & Learning Support (OpenEd)
 https://opened.uoguelph.ca/instructor-resources/remote-teaching---learning
- Teaching Talks (OTL) https://otl.uoguelph.ca/teaching-talks
- Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) https://keepteaching.ca/





Questions?

Thank you!

Please reach out with questions at any time to us directly

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