

TEN WAYS TO INCREASE STUDENT SUCCESS IN YOUR ONLINE COURSE

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COMMUNICATE EARLY:

Contact your students the day classes start, even if it is just to let them know that your course has been published.

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KNOW YOUR STUDENTS:

Understand any technology or accessibility limitations your students may have.

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PROVIDE DIRECTION:

Make it obvious to students where and how to begin your course. Throughout the semester, make course content, assessments, and resources easy to navigate.

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RESPOND IN A TIMELY MANNER:

Tell your students in the syllabus what your response time will be for grading assessments and for answering questions (within 24 hours or at most 48 hours is a good rule of thumb) and abide by that time.

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FOCUS ON ACTIVE LEARNING:

Students should be able to interact with the course content, the instructor, and other students.

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PROVIDE CLEAR EXPECTATIONS:

Provide rubrics for assessments so students know what is expected to receive full credit.

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GUIDE STUDENTS:

Provide a short outline for the week so that students are clear on what is expected and due each week.

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CREATE AN ONLINE COMMUNITY:

Introduce yourself through a personal bio and/or introductory video so that students feel connected to a "real" person. Allow opportunities for students to get to know one another as well.

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DEVELOP EFFECTIVE CONTENT:

Use a variety of media effectively for a rigorous, well-designed course.

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COMMUNICATE OFTEN:

This list starts and ends with communication because that is a major key to the online student's success.

