

TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR STUDENTS ENGAGED IN CLASS

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MAKE RELEVANT CONNECTIONS

- Try to connect the course' learning outcomes to the students' career choice.
- Ensure that all students are aware of their responsibilities and evaluations as per the course syllabus.
- When using Power Point take breaks for: questions, comments, to elaborate, etc.
- Connect the subject to the students' topics of interest, such as art, sports, music, etc.
- Provide the class with articles or textbook sections for "close reading", proceed with a class discussion

PLAY GAMES

- Even college students enjoy an appropriate game.
- Jeopardy made out of questions to review for a test.
- Pass the Microphone, for class introductions or feedback
- Flashcards shuffle for vocabulary and/or terminology

WORK IN GROUPS

- Incorporate at least 20 minutes of group work whenever possible.
- Group work activities:
 - a. to answer complex questions
 - b. to analyze case studies
 - c. to create a presentation on a textbook chapter to teach to their classmates
 - d. to collaborate on an assignment or project (Collaborative Learning)

TECHNOLOGY

- You Tube: search for videos relevant to the subject/lesson content to enhance the curriculum and engage the students.
- Create interactive lessons
- Use of web based surveys or polls (Ex. Survey Monkey)
- Use Clickers (Student Response systems)

FORMULATING QUESTIONS

- When asking questions in class, please keep in mind:
 - a. The cognitive level of Bloom's Taxonomy
 - b. Formulate questions based on the particular actionable verb
 - c. What activities correlate to the questions

Please see handout: *Innovative Activities to Engage Your Students*