

## **5 Ideas for Promoting Student Engagement**

1. Include more than verbal comments as participation measures. With the use of electronic technologies, have students email or post on the D2L course website with questions, comments, or reflections about the course topics.
2. Be mentally attentive to the interactions that occur. Nonverbal communications convey an engaging teaching presence. Use the classroom space to be present since this will promote student engagement as long as you are genuine and authentic.
3. Introduce students to concepts of teaching and learning to captivate their attention, arouse their curiosity and get them interested in more than rote memorization of materials. This will promote the idea of engaging in lifelong learning.
4. Create authentic learning experiences by presenting opportunities to engage with content of the discipline. Remember, students are novices learning difficult content from an expert. Let students make mistakes by allowing them to engage with the materials to show them how the content matters in the real world.
5. Expose students to additional resources related to the topics constantly in order to promote long-term retention of course content and information retrieval. Create frequent, low-stakes opportunities for learning to support recall of concepts and knowledge. Assist students in preparing for cumulative exams by creating activities which require regular reviews of materials and content that have been covered previously.

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