

# ENGAGEMENT

Structured learning activities provide students with varied opportunities to practice concepts, skills, and habits of mind.

## 1 DESIGN MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES

Design activities to engage students in their learning, through **meaningful interactions with course content**, with you, and with one another.



## 2 BALANCE LEARNING MODES

Consider the balance between **lecture and active learning** to achieve pedagogical goals.



## 3 INCORPORATE VARIED INTERACTIONS

Incorporate a number of interactions in each live class session, to **encourage engagement with course content and to break up lecture time**. Options might include posing a question for discussion, students completing a task in Breakout Rooms or in a Google Doc, running a poll, peer review of an assignment, etc (consider using an activity every 10-15 minutes).



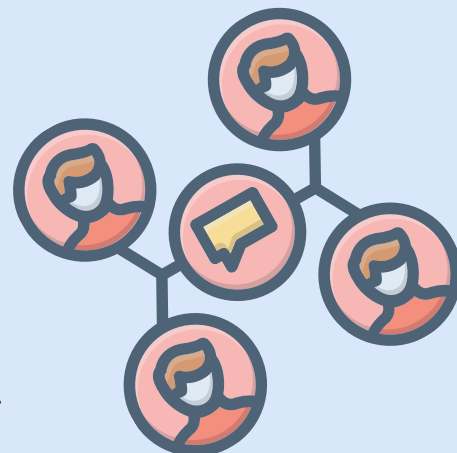
## 4 ENCOURAGE ACTIVE DISCUSSION

To foster student-to-student interaction in live sessions, **encourage students to pose questions to the whole class**, rather than directly to the instructor (using the Zoom 'Chat' feature, for example).



## 5 CREATE LIVING COMMUNITY

Develop **asynchronous activities that foster student-to-student, student-to-content, and student-to-community interactions**. Some examples include asynchronous discussions, peer review, paired assignments, projects, etc. Consider using tools like Discussion boards, Flipgrid, and VoiceThread to facilitate these video or textual discussions.



## 6 SUPPORT OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION

Even courses with regular live meetings **should be supported by asynchronous interactions**. Discussion boards, for example, foster interaction among learners, including those unable to participate in live sessions.



## 7 OFFER FLEXIBLE CHOICE

Offer **variety and choice in interactions with course content and class members**. Examples include offering several Discussion board topics from which students select one or more topics to interact with, welcoming either video or textual comments on a topic.



## 8 ENCOURAGE FIELD EXPLORATION

Create opportunities for students to interact with the field, through **guest lectures and community engagements online**.



### USEFUL TOOLS:

#### COLLAB TOOLS

Zoom  
VoiceThread  
Annotations

Panopto  
Discussions

#### EXTERNAL TOOLS

Flipgrid      Mentimeter