

Strategy: Gathering Student Feedback about the Course

These classroom assessment techniques can be used once the course is underway to gather feedback from students about the course while you still have time to make modifications.

Origin

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Application

How's it going?

Ask your students to finish these statements to provide feedback about the course:

- My first impression was
- The part of the course that has interested me most so far is
- I am most successful when
- I was surprised that
- The problems that I have had in this course are
- I have noticed that I
- Strategies that work for me in this course are
- I am least successful in this course when
- I have to change
- I have discovered
- If I could start this course over, I would
- I wish this course was

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Using a Likert scale, have your students rate these items:

- This course is well organized.
- The instructor clearly communicated the subject matter of this course.
- The feedback I receive on my assignments helps me learn the course content.
- I feel comfortable approaching the instructor with questions about the course.
- I am developing deeper knowledge of the course content.
- The instructor inspires me to learn more about course topics.
- My responsibilities for meeting course requirements are clearly defined.
- Course readings are an important tool to help me master the subject matter.
- The instructor uses technology effectively to help me learn in this course.
- The course is proceeding at an appropriate pace.

