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## More than Just a Document:

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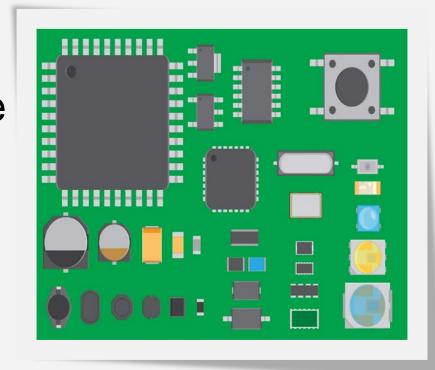
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What do you think are the essential components an online syllabus needs?











## By the end of this presentation, you will walk away:

- Understanding how and why the genre of the online syllabus differs from the on-campus course syllabus
- Understanding the specific components that should be included in a syllabus for an online course









## You will also take with you:

- Suggested guidelines for writing key components for an online syllabus
- A repository of resources about online syllabus design



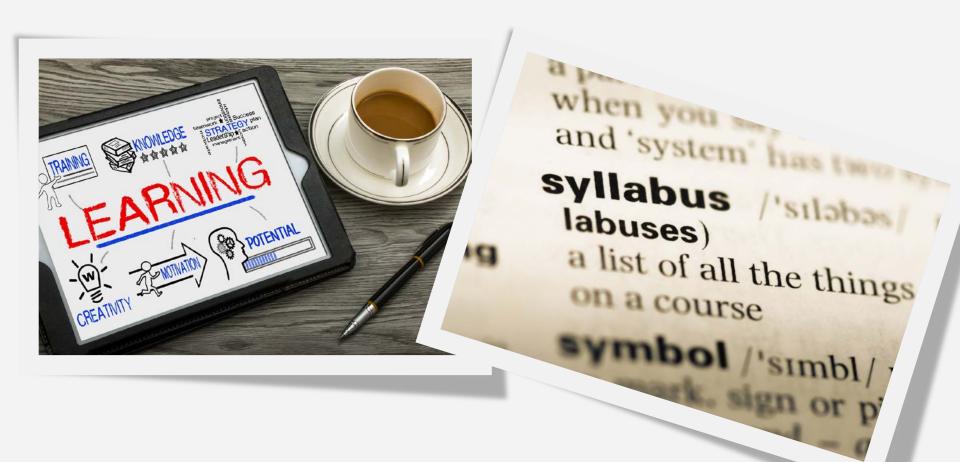
As instructional designers, we design and develop online learning courses which include:

- Asynchronous lectures
- Synchronous webinars
- Asynchronous discussion forums
- Active Learning Modules

We assist faculty in converting on-campus courses to an online environment.











### The syllabus should:

- Do more than list course topics, rules and penalties, institutional policies and instructor contact information.
- Be more than just a contract between instructor and student.
- Not be too long or have a litigious tone.



### The syllabus should:

- Ignite students to think about why they are taking a course, the course's purpose within the broader scope of the educational program.
- Create a first impression about the instructor's passion for the subject and his/her 'withitness" to design a constructively aligned learning experience.
- Serve as a road map to guide students as they navigate throughout the course LMS and outside it.





- Syllabi are reflective, comprehensive and confirm the expertise and pedagogical skill of the instructor, and should include the following items:
  - course description
  - course objectives
  - o prerequisites
  - credits allocated
  - assignments
  - method of assessing student achievement, including the assessment rubrics at the course and project levels
  - basis of grade determination;
  - bibliographic and other resources
  - other course policies related to integrity of credit
  - Author(s) of syllabus and resume(s), if not cited in the faculty table required in Task 4: Faculty.
- Syllabi demonstrate that at the course level the requirements for expected time on task
  meet the requirements of <u>CR 50.1(o)</u>, that all work for credit is college-level, of the
  appropriate rigor, and that credit will be granted only to students who have achieved
  stated learning objectives.

Source:

http://www.highered.nysed.gov/o cue/aipr/guidance/gpr11.html



## Our university has an existing syllabus template which covers all the basics:

- Contact Info
- Course Pre-Requisites
- Course Description
- Course Objectives
- Course Structure
- Course Readings
- Course Requirements

#### New York University Tandon School of Engineering

[Name of Department]

Course Outline [Course #] [Name of Course]

[Semester] [Year] Professor [Name]

[Day(s) of Week] [Time of Day]; [Building], [Room #]

To contact professor: [email address]

[Building], [Room #] Phone: [xxx-xxx-xxxx]

Office hours: [Day(s) of Week] [Time of Day]., or by appointment

#### Course Pre-requisites

Course Description [The course -- what it is, the purpose, and how it fits into the program or supports other courses, needs, etc.]

Course Objectives [Four to six objectives - what you want students to accomplish in this course]

#### Course Structure

[For example, lectures, discussion, recitations, labs, course readings, case studies, fieldwork, etc.]

#### Readings

The required text for the course is: [Full citation for book(s)]

An optional and recommended text is: [Full citation for book(s)]

[Location of books and readings - for example NYU bookstore, Dibner reserves, Dibner electronic journals, etc.]

[Optional: List of journals, databases, resources that students in the major might find interesting/useful]

#### Course requirements

format required]

[Description of expected course participation - for example, reading before class, class participation, attendance, assignments, exams, other requirements]

[Name of Assignment or Exam 1] [Date due] [Percentage of final grade] [Brief description of assignment/exam, including number of pages, purpose, content,



# Existing syllabus template was missing crucial online components:

- Communication policy
- Netiquette
- Virtual contact information
- Expectations for interactions
- Learning Time Rubric

To contact professor:	[email address]
to contact professor:	[email address]

Phone: [xxx-xxx-xxxx]

Virtual Office hours: [Day(s) of Week] [Time of Day] or by

appointment

Other means of virtual contact, e.g. Skype ID, Twitter

handle, etc.

#### Course Pre-requisites

**For example:** Students must complete and before taking this course.

#### Course Description

[The online course -- what it is, the purpose, and how it fits into the program or supports other courses, needs, etc.]

#### Course Objectives

By the end of this course students should be able to:

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#### Course Structure

This course is conducted entirely online, which means you do not have to be on campus to complete any portion of it. You will participate in the course using NYU Classes located at <a href="https://newclasses.nyu.edu">https://newclasses.nyu.edu</a>.

#### Grade Breakdown (%)

- Weekly Assignments: %
- Engagement (forums and virtual sessions): %
- Low-stakes Assessments (within modules): %
- Midterm Exam/Project: %
- Final Exam/Project: %
- Group Project: %



#### **Learning Time Rubric**

Below is an example of a rubric you must create for your course syllabus. You may choose your own breakdown of what is required, such as live webinar sessions. Consider this a general rubric for your class, but you may choose to make one for each week of learning.

Learning Time Element	Asynchronous* / Synchronous**	Time on Task for Students (weekly	Notes
Element	Synchronous	estimate)	
Lecture	Asynchronous	1.5 hours	Interactive module format. It may take some students longer to complete. Expect low-stakes quiz questions throughout module.
Weekly Discussion Board	Asynchronous	1 hour	Students are expected to post initial response to weekly topic questions. See Interaction Policy.
Weekly webinar session	Synchronous	1 hour	We will have a weekly webinar session to review materials and answer questions. Attendance is required.
Assessment (lab)	Asynchronous	30 minutes	Complete lab for each week.
Assessment (homework)	Synchronous	1 hour	We will review homework assignments during additional webinar sessions. Attendance is optional.

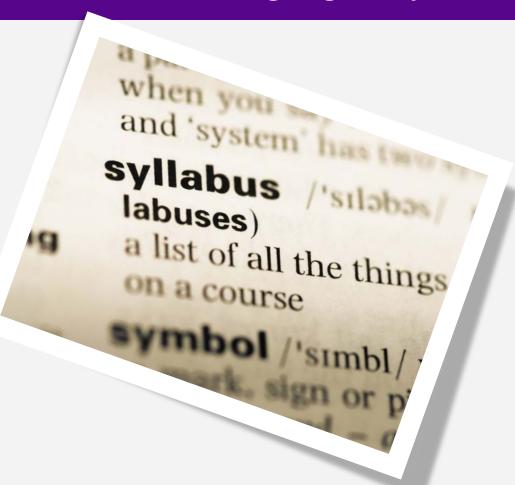
<sup>\*</sup>Asynchronous learning is defined as any non-real time student learning, such as recorded lecture, podcast, interactive module, articles, websites, etc. This also includes any student-to-student or faculty-to-student communication that may happen with an asynchronous tool, such as discussion board, chatroom, e-mail, text, etc.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Synchronous learning is defined as any real-time student-to-student and/or faculty-to-student learning, such as a live webinar session or other video/audio communication service.



### **Syllabus Checklist**

- In order to simplify the process of creating syllabi, we created a checklist for faculty
- Faculty can use their existing syllabus but make sure all necessary information is included
- Leave flexibility for faculty or individual departments to make stylistic decisions





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וווחכ	ne Syllabus Checklist		
_	Cullabora Handina		Required text(s) Optional/recommended text(s)
	Syllabus Heading		
	University name		List of E-resources to access readings
	Name of Department		
	Course # and name of course		Course Requirements
	Semester and year		Description of expected online participation and weekly course activities
	Professor's name		Breakdown of graded course assignments
			Name of each assignment or exam
	Contact information		o Date due
	Email		Percentage of final grade
	Phone number		Brief description of assignment/exam
	Virtual office hours		Detailed weekly course schedule
	Other means of contact (Skype, Twitter, etc.)	_	Date of each module
			o Topic/ title of each module
			o Objective(s)
	Course Prerequisites		o Reading(s)
	<u>Course Frerequisites</u>		Engagement – discussion forums and webinar sessions
			o Assessment(s)
	Course Description		o Assessment(s)
		_	Moses Center State of Disability
	Course Objectives (4-6 measurable objectives)		Moses Center State of Disability
			NYU School of Engineering Policies and Procedures on Academic
	Course Structure		Misconduct
	Grade Breakdown		
	□ Weekly assignment		
	☐ Engagement (forums and virtual sessions)		
	□ Low stakes assessments within modules		
	□ Midterm exam/ project		
_	□ Group project		
	Details on lectures, discussion, recitations, labs, course readings, case studies, fieldwork, etc.		
	Course Communication		
	Announcements		
	Email		
	Discussion Forums		
	Weekly Virtual Meetings		
	Netiquette		
	Interaction Policy		





From both a student and an instructor perspective, what problems may arise if the syllabus is not specifically designed for an online class?





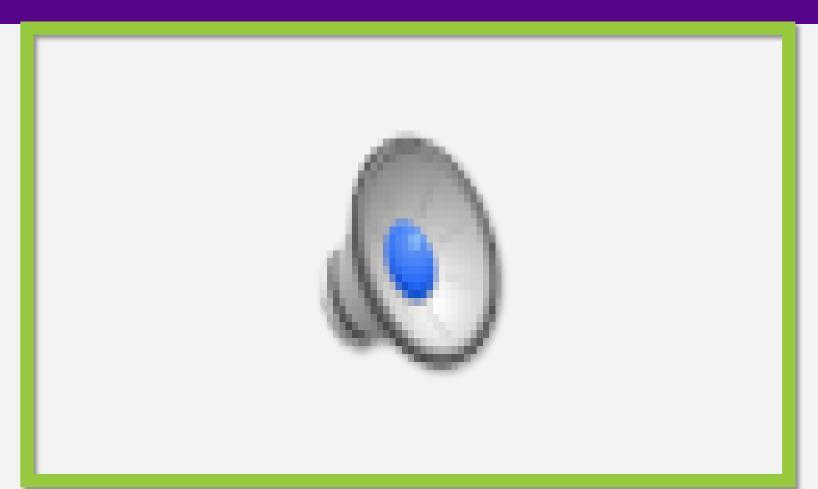
### No Need To Be Static

Syllabi can be:

- Hyperlinked documents
- Webpages
- Interactive modules (Module 0)









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This course provides an overview of biological anthropology, using the evolution of Homo sapiens sapiens as a model for discussing the myriad of topics within the subdiscipline. We will survey how the field synthesizes the biological & cultural processes at work in shaping human adaptation,

As part of the University's Green Initiative, all readings for the class are available on Concourse, as are all PowerPoint lectures and handouts. Your grades will likewise appear on Concourse as materials are completed.

The topics below usually cover several class periods. Dates are not specifically assigned per topic, to permit

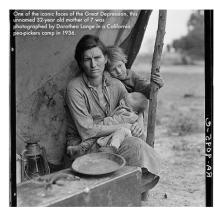
you to guide the depth of discussion. However, exam dates are set and will encompass the material covered up to that point. These dates will not change.

- using primate evolution to Homo sapiens sapiens as a model to explore the subfields of biological anthropology;
- exploration of our evolution by means of natural selection using a
- learning how to build models to understand our evolution, and our place in the natural world:
- review of major hominin fossil finds;
- development of a critical approach to the analysis of anthropology in the professional and popular press



All required readings appear together in Concourse, in a folder using the headings listed below. The articles provide a mix of material from the popular press (Scientific American, Discover, etc) and professional literature (Science, American Journal of Physical Anthropology, etc.). The "extras" folders are readings with further information for those interested in the topic (historic pieces, recent publications, articles you identify during the semester). You will not be responsible for these 'extras' on your





#### Course Description and Objectives

**ROOM S-105** 

#### In this course, we explore US history since the end of the Civil War & Reconstruction

You will learn about broad themes in the history of modern America. including immigration, race and ethnicity, social and political reform, mobility and population growth, contested meanings of freedom, industrialization, cycles of prosperity and recession, popular culture, modernity, and rights movements. You will also develop ways of thinking historically through critical analysis of primary and secondary sources; setting events, documents and people in their historical

contexts; and crafting interpretations and historical narratives from the "raw material" of the past. In this course, you should expect to do much more than memorize facts or dates - you will be busy actively doing history, not passively learning about history.

Since it fulfills your "Constitutions" requirement, the course will also cover relevant aspects of the US and Massachusetts state constitutions. This is in accordance with MA General Laws. Chapter 73, Section 2A, which reads: "In all state colleges the constitutions of the United States and of the commonwealth shall be taught as

required subjects for the purpose of fitting the students, morally and intellectually, for the duties of citizenship and of school teaching."

### What's in this syllabus adina Scale & Svllabus

Website: http://tonahangen.com/wsc/us2

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Required texts: James West Davidson et al, Experience History: Interpreting America's Past Volume 2, From 1865 (McGraw Hill 2011), ISBN: 978-0077368326

David Emory Shi and Holly Mayer, For the Record: A Documentary History of America: From Reconstruction through Contemporary Times 4th edition (WW Norton), ISBN: 978-0393934045





Definitions belong to the definer not the defined. --- Toni Morrison---

#### Course Details:

Attendance is mandatory (like at your job). To

succeed in class, you must attend-personally.

verbally, written, and socially. If you miss a

complete all in-class work & assignments (on-

time). In-class work missed may not be made

up. More than Iwo unexcused absences will

seriously affect your final grade for the course.

We may discuss issues that students may find

will not be tolerated. Free exchange of ideas

PSU is committed to providing students with

university programs and facilities. If you think

documented disabilities equal access to all

can express their ideas openly & safely.

Academic Support:

only occurs when all people feel as though they

uncomfortable. Sexist, racist or classist language

class, it is your responsibility to find and

Attendance Policy:

#### Course Information; This course has a blog component

thttp://fall2011outsiders.wordpress.com/b. All handouts, product descriptors and more are found there; including how to submit your assignments. I am attempting to go as paperless as possible. It would be in your best interest to check this frequently.

#### Late Paper Policy:

Simply written, late papers are not accepted. If a class is devoted to revision or peer writing, and you do not have your writing, you will be asked to leave. The missed day will count as an unexcused absence. Papers not handed in ontime will receive zero a (0).

#### A Quick Note About Excuses:

Computer-related excuses are not accepted. Always back up your work in multiple places (or use Dropbox). No excuse will allow you from having to produce a final document in time for

#### Participation:

This course requires that every student is enrared in both class activities and discussions. I will work hard to foster an environment of healthy intellectual dialogue, and I expect you to make the same effort.

#### you have a disability requiring accommodations, you should immediately contact the PASS Office (535-2270) to determine whether you are eligible for such accommodations. Academic accommodations will considered for students are



- Who is an Outsider? Who decides? Who defines an Outsider?
- What does it mean to be an Outsider?
- Who gets to decide what is "normal?"
- What social, cultural, political, and historical forces define an Outsider? To what nature does society dictate the formation of an individual's identity?
- When and for what would you choose to be an Outsider?

#### Directions: Self & Society

This class examines the ways in which humans are both social and individual. Literature has highlighted, debated and critiqued the relationship between the individual and society, the impact the individual has on society and that which society has on the development of individual identity, behavior and the formation of beliefs. Cultures differ in the relative value they give to the individual and to the group: literature allows us to look at that value in terms of our roles as individuals and as (non)conformers to social expectations Through examples taken from writing and film, this course analyzes the self and society through a selection of topics that include gender, sexuality, race, class, wealth, behavior and socialization

#### Academic Integrity;

The seriousness of plagiarism and other academic violations of academic integrity cannot be overstated. I pursue all offenses to the fullest extent possible. You need to read PSU's Academic Integrity policy in the Undergraduate Catalog. If you need help or have questions regarding citation or plantarism, please talk to me.



#### Throughout this semester

Throughout the semester, we will have brief in-class assignments which will be used to assess student participation. Assignments might include reading quizzes, writing, group work, a summary, a drawing, or a discussion role. These brief, low-stakes assignments serve several instructional purposes, some of which include checking for understanding, on-going dialogue between members of the course, and analysis and application of course material. Participation assignments may not be made up due to absences.

Personal Un-naming Narrative Early in the semester, you will write a narrative in which you reflect on the names, definitions, and identities that have been given to you as well as those which you give yourself. This essay, approximately 3-5 pages in length, will serve to assess your thinking about class ideas and to build a classroom community.

As a side note: Watching the film version of a text will not "give you enough" information

#### Course Requirements

#### Personal Inquiry Collaborative Blog Project: and Research Portfolio

here are many ways to explore our course theme, The Outsider, as well as our course questions (see above). In class, we will engage in close reading of literature and film to examine variations of our theme. This project, a major intellectual endeavor, requires that you examine the relationship. between self and society or The Outsider further. Specifically, you must develop a question or a "line of inquiry" which interests you personally and which is narrower in scope but still relates to the broader

#### There are many steps in this research project, including:

- the development of the a personal reflection about the question;
- library research and the compilation of an working
  - a personal interview: weaving in literature from
- the course. a research portfolio and final reflection on the process and class.

You will receive a more detailed explanation of this assignment in

#### Un-Conference:

The last classes are dedicated to an unconference. This unconference will be rur entirely by you. You will designs workshops to run and present to a small group of your peers. We will discuss this further in class. This is your chance to show what you know and will count as your final

The group blog project asks students to work together to create and maintain a blog on a shared text. This project is designed to give you practical experience in the skills necessary to be successful producers of online content.

While your group blog must focus around the group text, the posts may be on any topic, related to the text, of the group's

The group blog will be a major time investment, and the project will be extremely difficult to complete if not completed to meet the required timelines if all blog posts are held to the last

#### The five text choices are as

- . The Book Thief, Zusak
- Glass Castle, Walls
- Feed, Anderson · Water for Elephants, Gruen
- · Unwind, Shisterman The groups will consist of four
- people and each will be responsible for two items:
- Your individual roles Creation of original blog content.
- Also, each member will have a specific role: Managing Editor
  - Content/Copy Editor Visual/Layout Editor Promotional Editor
- There is additional information, including weekly blog guidelines (in terms of style, length and requirements-although, never on content) on the course blog.

#### GRADING BREAKDOWN:



Participation: 50% Progress: 30% Performance: 20%

See Grading Memo for more

#### COLLECTION:

The Collection is due at the end of the semester, the last day of dass. This will include newly evised and edited papers from he course. It will also be used o demonstrate your grade for he course.

There are three (3) types of written analytical work this semester resulting in six total inalysis assignments:

- 1. Meditative Essay
- 2. Analysis 3. Show Me What You Know

n addition, there is the Personal Inquiry and Research Proposal and your Un-Namine Narrative. All of these are structured to work with each other, build off each other all while still existing in their own.

All assignments must be linked o, in, around and from the issential questions for the course ind the texts as well.

#### Required Texts

- American Born Chinese, Gene Luen Yang The Help, Kathryn Stockett A Room, Emma Donoghue
  - The Road, Cormac McCarthy



### **Helpful Resources**

The Open Syllabus Project

Professors, Students and the Syllabus

**Building Your First Syllabus** 

Universal Design for Learning: A Rubric for Evaluating Your Course Syllabus

Hacking the Syllabus

Hybrid Pedagogy: Syllabus as Manifesto

The 3 Essential Functions of Your Syllabus

Creative Approaches to the Syllabus

**Creating An Interactive Syllabus** 





http://www.cte.comell.edu/documents/Syllabus%20Rubric.pdf downloaded November 2012

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Syllabus Rubric

Criterion	Beginning	Emerging	Exemplary
Course Description	Instructor name & contact info, class time and location	in addition: course prerequisites (if any) course description	in addition, how the course fits into the larger program/department curriculum, field, supplemental readings, and resources
Overall tone	Mechanical, dictatorial	teacher-oriented	student/learning oriented (eg: first person)
Course Objectives	not articulated	stated in general, but vague and unmeasurable terms	listed with appropriate, descriptive verbs that lend themselves to measurement and seek higher levels of learning
Course format	vague, or criptic descriptions of course expectations and how class time will be used	mutual role expectations for students and instructor are explained, together with various teaching methods and modes	role expectations and class format are explained in such a way that students understand the underlying rationale and benefits for them
Instructor Beliefs & Assumptions	little or no accounting of the instructor's teaching philosophy, beliefs or assumptions about learning	section describing the instructor's beliefs or assumptions about teaching and learning that guide the course	well articulated and thought out rationale that includes the values and/or experiences that guide the instructor's teaching practice
Class Schedule	little or no information of what course topics will be covered each week	course topics broken down by class period	fully articulated and logically sequenced course schedule with chronological topics listed for each class, along with reguired readings and preparation necessary from students
Assignments required	course assignments listed but with no due dates	course assignments listed with clear due dates	assignments listed with due dates, with explanation of late policy and other requirements that might affect grades



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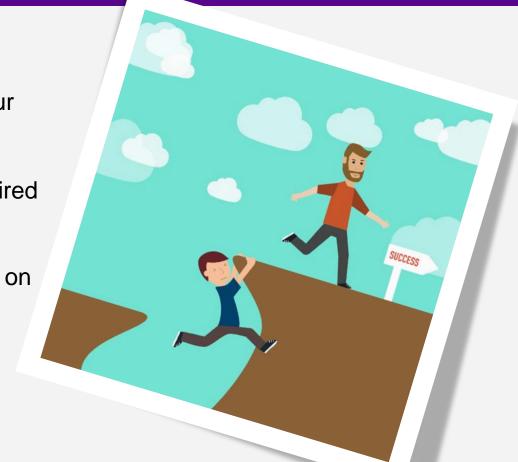
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Academic policies & procedures	little or no information	description of academic integrity policy	information about all pertinent academic policies, including academic integrity, diversity and inclusivity, accommodating students with disabilities, class attendance
Assessment of Students' Learning	little or no information about how the students will be graded; whatever information is included reinforces a grade-focus	Each graded assignment is clearly described with its relative value towards the overall course grade	Each assignment includes descriptions of its rationale for inclusion in the course and what the student should get out of completing it; use of rubrics with quality criteria specified
Alignment	no clear connection between stated course goals/objectives and assessment schema	some assignments' connection with stated course goals/objectives is apparent	all assignments are linked with a specific course goal/objective and are likely to provide sufficient evidence to adequately assess each goal/objective
Diversity of teaching & assessment methods	course teaching and assessment methods are similar; eg: all lectures; all tests	Evidence the instructor has employed a diverse set of teaching and assessment methods	Diverse assessment methods and evidence that the instructor has taken into account the diversity of students in choosing teaching and assessment methods
Continuity of Feedback to students on their learning	little or very infrequent venues for giving students feedback on their progress in the course	adequate opportunities for students to get feedback on their progress in the course	all course requirements have sufficient means by which the instructor can keep students adequately appraised of their relative progress in the course
Opportunities for students to provide evaluative course input	students only opportunity to provide input on their experiences in the course to the instructor is at the end of the course	and scheduled a mid- semester course	Students are encouraged to provide the instructor with regular input on how they are experiencing the course throughout the semester



### **Successes and Challenges**

- Many faculty have been following our template for their online courses.
- Interaction policies, netiquette, required software and links to required texts, learning time rubric are just a few components faculty are still working on adding to their syllabi.









- What features within the LMS can you use to encourage students to refer back to the syllabus?
- What components do you plan to include in your syllabus?



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