Virtual Learning Space: Strategies to Foster Student Engagement

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New Webinar Series...

Course Design
Aiming for a Flexible Model

Virtual Learning Space
Strategies to Foster Student Engagement

Instructional Practice in a Bimodal Context
Effective Strategies
Your Hosts

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this webinar, you will be able to:

- Identify strategies that foster online student engagement
- Select approaches and activities that encourage online student engagement
Agenda

- Student Engagement:
  - Multidimensional
  - Student-Centered

- Supporting student engagement in Virtual Campus:
  - Strategies
  - Approaches
  - Activities
Student Engagement

“Student engagement is the mental state students are in while learning, representing the intersection of feeling and thinking.”

(Barkley, 2020, p. 6)
Multidimensional Engagement

- Behavioural
- Cognitive
- Emotional
Student-Centered

- Foster active learning
- Encourage student autonomy
- Create a learning community
- Adapt evaluation methods
Foster Active Learning

- Provide clear and stimulating content
- Engage students in the learning process and reflecting upon their learning
Encourage Student Autonomy

- Empowerment of the student
- Incentivize personal reflection and self-evaluation
- Activities related to student interests
- Choice and flexibility in activities and assessments
Create a Learning Community

- Dialogue
- Collaboration and helping others
- Peer evaluation
- Feedback and pulse taking
Adapted Evaluation Methods

- Aligned and authentic
- Clear instructions
- Formative and retroactive
Supporting Student Engagement in Virtual Campus

- Organization
- Communication
- Activities
Strategies: Organization

- Logical structure (course plan)
- Visual coherence
- Essential elements present
Strategies: Communication

- Key information present
- Clear messaging
- Use of integrated communication tools
Strategies: Activities

- Reinforces learning
- Fosters collaboration
Let's Go!
Last thoughts...

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Last thoughts...

Not only...
- Organization, communication, activities

But also...
- Fostering feeling of community
- Being actively present
- Valuing social connection
Resources

- Brightspace templates
- Virtual Campus - Text Editor
- Virtual Campus - Complete Guide
- Library - Course Reserve Service (AERES)
References

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