

Teaching To Do List

Incentivize my students to complete course evaluations

TIP 1 | Consider offering a few points of extra credit, or count the evaluation as a small assignment (while the responses are still anonymous, you will still get a list of who completed the forms).

TIP 2 | Make time during a class period (preferably not the very last class) for students to complete the evaluations.

Prep students for completing course evaluations

TIP 1 | Tell your students before you distribute the evaluation that their feedback is really important to you--"I've really enjoyed teaching and learning with you this semester. Your feedback will help me make the course an even better experience for your colleagues who come after you." If possible, provide examples of past feedback that has influenced your course design.

TIP 2 | Give students guidance on what feedback is most helpful. Try these kinds of comments/questions:

- I'd really like to know what aspects of your learning experience could be improved. I'll use this feedback for the future.
- When you answer the evaluation questions, please focus on the course content, delivery, and schedule.
- What elements of the course, such as the readings, the discussions, or the Canvas site, could be improved in the future?
- Keep in mind that your feedback may directly affect the way this course is offered for future students. The more constructive, specific, and actionable your feedback is, the better.

Block off some time to reflect on my course

TIP | Annotate your current syllabus or course materials now so that when you revisit the course in the future you'll have a good record of how things went the last time.

Update my CV and teaching dossier in UDAcademe

TIP | Include any examples of student work (including rubrics) that highlight some of your unique teaching tactics.

Back up all of my files

Set goals for what I want to accomplish over winter break

Clean off my desk (and desktop!)

TIP 1 | File, recycle, or destroy any student work that you no longer need for your course purposes.

TIP 2 | Reshelve this semester's books to make room for your spring course materials.

TIP 3 | Organize course files on your computer so you can easily find them the next time you teach that course.