

6 TIPS TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL FEEDBACK IN YOUR ONLINE COURSES



SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Consider what you want your students to achieve. By setting clear expectations and giving specific instructions at the beginning of the course, you will give your students a better idea of what is expected of them—saving you both time.

PERSONALIZE IT

Given the dynamics of online learning, it is common for students to feel distant and isolated during the course. One of the best ways to prevent your students from feeling this way is by delivering personalized feedback. So, keep those generic responses aside and provide feedback, tailor-made to every student's work and capabilities in order to maximize their potential.

MAKE IT ACTIONABLE

Your students need to derive value from your feedback. It needs to inspire some sort of change or action. Every time you are giving feedback make it goal-oriented and actionable for it to be truly effective.

BE TIMELY

When you deliver timely feedback, it lets students know that you are actively involved and gives them the reassurance that you are as committed to the course as they are. Commit to providing feedback within 24-48 hours, so that the assignment is still fresh in students' minds.

SHARE IN AUDIO FORMAT

Considering that most of the communication in online courses happens in text, there are chances of your feedback being misconstrued. To prevent this, integrate audio in your feedback. When receiving audio feedback, students tend to be more engaged, are better able to understand your real intent, and retain information.

ENCOURAGE PEER FEEDBACK

A great way to give feedback while promoting increased interaction and engagement in online classes is by encouraging peer reviews. Peer feedback refers to when students review each other's work and provide meaningful feedback. You can take a back seat and moderate this exercise by letting students indulge in a healthy exchange of perspectives.

