Strategies and Tips for Effective Asynchronous Online Courses

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Learning happens when students feel connection to

- the material
- the faculty
- each other
Synchronous Online Teaching

What we hope for!

What we get??

ZOOM Video SMART Meetings
There are many benefits to asynchronous online courses

But there are challenges....

Disconnection
Maximizing Student Motivation in the Asynchronous Environment

Connection to the material
- Include a short introductory video
- Describe the course, and show its value and relevancy

Connection to faculty member
- Introduce yourself
- Share your passion for the content and for teaching
- Send pre-, early/mid-term survey – reflect back
- Weekly communications

Connection to each other
- Use survey to help students form interest groups
Encouraging Student Persistence

**Clarity**
- Organization of course
- Expectations for assignments
- Use of technology tools and platforms
- Provide timely feedback

**Flexibility**
- Is there more than one way to provide content?
  - Keep pre-records to ~ 15 minutes or less
- Is there more than one way to show that they’ve met a learning outcome?
- Assignment due dates

**Sense of belonging**
- Use weekly office hours for live sessions – record for those unable to attend
  - Open
  - Grouped by topic/FAQs
  - Begin every live session with a check-in
- Reach out if the student is missing/doing poorly