

SYLLABUS CHECKLIST

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- 1. Are the goals of the course ("learning objectives") clearly articulated?
 - for specific assignments
 - for the course as a whole
 - for other targets (e. g. general education, departmental curriculum, major/minor)
- 2. Are the goals prominently displayed on the syllabus or a related document?
- 3. Do specific assignments ("learning activities") adequately support the goals for the course?
 - is there a good "fit" between what you want them to learn and what you have them do?
 - are the skills that you, your dept., general ed., and the curriculum as a whole want to develop in students adequately emphasized in the course?
- 4. Are there multiple opportunities for students to receive feedback?
 - · early in the course
 - frequently throughout the course
 - · immediately on some tasks
 - within 24 to 48 hours on other tasks
 - within a reasonable amount of time (generally one week) on other tasks
 (e. g. longer papers)
- 5. Does the method of evaluation (grading) reflect skills developed and content mastered in specific learning activities?
- 6. Is the course constructed to accommodate different learning styles?
- 7. Does the course encourage students to look for the personal significance of what they learn?
- 8. Does the course encourage students to reflect on themselves as learners?
- 9. Has the course taken advantage of the capacity of technology to increase interaction outside the classroom?
 - between teacher and students
 - between student and student
 - with additional materials relevant to the course
- 10. Does course management promise to be efficient and effective?
 - reserve reading
 - handouts
 - grading
 - attendance
 - receiving and returning assignments