

Principles of good teaching – ideas for obtaining feedback from students

Here are examples of both short-answer questions and statements for rating (agree/ disagree) based on the principles of good teaching. You can use these as they stand or to help you construct suitable questions of your own.

Principle of good teaching	Example(s) of short answer questions	Example(s) of statements for rating
Establish clear goals, or learning outcomes.	What did the tutor do to ensure you understood the course goals? List up to 3 examples.	The tutor reminded me of the intended learning outcomes.
Use interesting problems that enthuse students.	What were the two most vivid problems posed during this course that really stimulated your interest?	The problems posed during this course stimulated my interest.
Ensure students engage actively with the course materials and content.	What specific tasks did the tutor set for you that involved working with core concepts in the subject? Give at least two examples: Which of the course materials did you find most challenging to work with, and why?	The course activities helped me learn. The course materials were engaging. The course materials were helpful when preparing essays each week.
Encourage teamwork and dialogue amongst students.	In what ways did the tutor encourage you to work with your fellow students?	Working with fellow students is rarely difficult. Classes undertaken with other students help my learning.
Set up structures (or scaffolding) to support student learning, especially initially.	In what ways did you experience support for your learning, especially initially?	I understood what was expected of me after the first tutorial. The course progressed in a logical way.
Ensure students receive effective and prompt feedback.	In what ways did you receive feedback on your progress? What did you find particularly effective? What was least helpful?	My tutor always gave me helpful feedback. Feedback on my work was always timely.
Demonstrate concern and respect for students.	What are the 3 best things about how your tutor helped you in this course?	My tutor is always considerate.
Provide opportunities for students to offer feedback to you.	<i>Focused on their learning:</i> e.g. use the one-minute paper (see above). <i>Focused on your teaching:</i> administer a short questionnaire.	