

Getting and Keeping Students Engaged: Practical Design Tips for Your Class



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Today's Learning Objectives

- Create welcoming online course home pages through the use of dynamic images and interactive news tools. (QM Standards 1.1, 1.2, 5.1, and 5.2)
- Manage group work in online courses that fosters the development of communication skills and positive group interactions for students. (QM 5.1, 5.2, and 5.4)
- Participate in an interactive discussion to exchange ideas about student engagement techniques in the online learning environment

Creating Welcoming Home Pages

Warm by design

- A picture equals...
- **Color** it interesting
- [Link](#) 'em up
- Homepage tours



You are your homepage

Adding Value for your Students

- Let them hear your feedback
- Keep it fresh
 - News should be new
 - Using Twitter...yes Twitter!

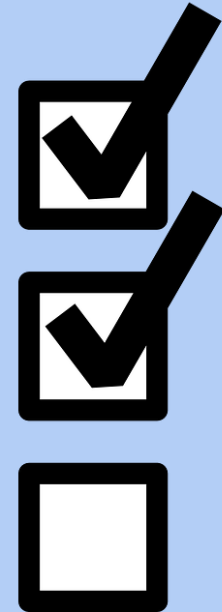


Twitter teacher. Image credit: [Gust Mees](#)

Interactive = active

Let Students Know...

- Managing Expectations
 - Email delay response
 - Grading turnaround time
 - Discussion protocols
 - [Netiquette](#)
 - [Service learning activities](#)
 - [Group activities](#)



Group Projects

- Group communication rules
 - DIY tools for group work
- Peer evaluations
 - Constructive feedback



Let's share!

