



Teaching University Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Seven Tips for Lecturers

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What do you want your students to remember about your teaching methods during the pandemic?

Here are the 7 tips for teaching online during
COVID-19

1. Practice, Practice, Practice

❖ **What you should be doing is practicing like there's no tomorrow.**

- Practice making videos for your classes.
- Practice different lighting and sound setups so your students can get the most out of your videos.
- Practice making answering student emails a regular part of your day.

- Practice having online hours to speak with your students.
- Practice making a new curriculum that will teach your students what they need to know amidst the crisis the world is facing.

2. Communicate with Your Students

- Talk about the virus (Covid-19).
- Remind your students that it's good to be informed about world events.
- Suggest only reading articles about the virus once a day and only from credible sources like the World Health Organization.

3. Show Availability

- ❖ *Communication is key when it comes to teaching students online.*
- Sending out a weekly email detailing new videos, readings, and assignments for the coming weeks.
- Having *online office hours* will also be a game-changer for both teachers and students during the coronavirus pandemic.

4. Create a Sense of Community

Building a sense of community among students by creating a *WhatsApp group chat* with the entire class and encouraging them to *exchange phone numbers* and stay in touch.

5. Make a Routine

Once you make a class schedule, do not deviate from it.

6. Assign Work That Matters

- ❖ You want to provide accurate, helpful, and engaging material. You can do this by:
 - Assigning stimulating or creatively challenging homework
 - Being funny and engaging as you teach
 - Breaking learning up into smaller sessions that are easily digested by anxious students

7. Be Optimistic

**“The happier your students are, the harder they will work
in class”**

THANK YOU!