

# Mid-Semester Course and Instructor Feedback

## INTRODUCE

Halfway through the semester, discuss with students that you would like to gather feedback on the course and instruction. Explain:

***“The instructor will review this feedback to make reasonable, realistic changes for the remaining semester.”***

***“While end-of-semester feedback is useful for the instructor and for future students, it does not benefit current students. Mid-semester feedback may help current students and let the instructor know what is going well.”***

## COLLECT

Have students write down the answers to the following:

***1. What does this instructor do effectively that is helping you be successful with your learning in this course?***

***2. What could the instructor do differently to help you learn more successfully in this course?***

NOTE: This should be done anonymously. For online courses, create an anonymous function for responses, such as the survey tool in Moodle.

## REVIEW AND ADDRESS

Review comments and address them in the next class by highlighting what are the perceived strengths and what are some concerns.

**If you are not able to change some of the areas recommended as concerns (i.e. syllabus, course expectations), provide an explanation or rationale of why you cannot change them during the semester.**

**Highlight some changes that you will try to implement.**

## ADVANTAGES OF USING MID-SEMESTER COURSE FEEDBACK

- Shows interest and concern for students and their learning. Increases connections, creating community among learners.
- Can make simple, useful changes that can be helpful to students.
- Can provide rationale why certain things cannot be changed so they understand this prior to giving final course evaluation.
- May increase their willingness to complete final course evaluation later, if they feel their voice has been listened to while they were taking the course.

**NOTE:** If you do not intend to facilitate a discussion or debriefing and address some of the comments, do not use this strategy as students will resent taking the time to do this and not having their voices heard.