Wrapping Up Your Remote Course

It’s been an eventful, unusual and historic semester. As you close your spring 2020 remote course, you might offer a “teachable moment” to help your students reflect on their learning experience this semester. What have your students learned about themselves through this experience? How can you help students make meaning about what they have accomplished academically in the course, individually and as a learning community? Are there lessons they can take with them moving forward, such as how they have adapted their learning strategies and study skills, or how they have shown resilience and persistence in order to get through the semester? This week we provide you with examples of guiding questions you might share with your students in course wrap-up discussions and activities.

Example Reflection Questions on Academic Accomplishments

• What were the three most significant things you learned about the content of this course?
• What questions do you still have about the “big ideas” covered in this course?
• How can you apply what you learned to future classes, work experience, or to your personal and professional goals?
• How have you supported or helped a classmate to better understand the course material?
• Which academic accomplishment (e.g., assignment, paper, presentation, exam) in this course are you most proud of? Why?

Example Reflection Questions on Learning Strategies and Skills

• What changes did you make for remote learning? What surprised you? What was challenging?
• How did you improve your technology skills during the semester?
• What’s an example of a problem that you were able to solve?
• How did you communicate and engage with your classmates?
• What three things might help you manage your time and schedule in the future? Be as specific as possible.

Example Reflection Questions on Resilience and Being Persistent

• How has your life changed because of COVID-19?
• What’s helping you connect to your strength during this time?
• What new skills, activities or hobbies might you have developed?
• What has this situation helped you (or motivated you) to prioritize?
• When you look back at this pandemic in the future, what do you think you will feel most proud of regarding the way you coped or reacted to this situation?
• What are you feeling most grateful for during this time? How do you plan to practice gratitude this summer?
Additional Resource


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