Best Practices for Generating Effective Class Interaction

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Overview

- Climate to Encourage Communication
- Framing Questions
- Managing Involvement
- Benefits and Student Feedback
- Assessment
Climate to Encourage Communication

- Modeling
- Introductions
- Setting ground rules
- Collaboration and common ground
Framing Questions

- Pre-questioning
- Question Frames
- Topical and Timely
- Open-ended vs. Not
Managing Involvement

- When (and when not) to jump in
- Writing before speaking
- Encouraging the quiet, controlling the gregarious
- One minute summaries
Benefits and Student Feedback

- Leveling playing field (diverse student backgrounds and communication preferences)
- Discussions ongoing during week
- Accountability and ownership
- Published research: More interaction = better experience (social and academic outcomes)
Assessment of Interaction

- Grading in-class and on-line participation
  - Pros
  - Cons
- Peer participation grading
Thank You!