How to Increase Student Course Rating Participation

4 Strategies that Work



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Learning Outcomes

Through this webinar, you will be able to

- Identify four common survey strategies that don't help to increase response rates.
- Implement four specific strategies to increase survey response rates.
- Identify which three questions give the best and most actionable information.
- Increase survey adoption across campus.

How Is It Now?

Was well prepared.

Was aware of current scholarship in the topic area.

Presented material clearly and effectively

Stimulated student thought

Encouraged students to ask questions make comments.

Was open to disagreement.

Made good use of class time and worked within the objectives of the course

Covered the course materials at a fair pace.

Was fair in his her grading policy Image © 2016 SmartEvals. Used with permission.

Was available for consultation during posted office hours.

Seemed genuinely concerned with student progress.

How many courses, programs, departments, or colleges use rating surveys at your campus?

What are the biggest obstacles to using rating surveys?

What do you do with the results of rating surveys?

Gave helpful feedback to me during class, on papers, exams, or other ways. Integrated tools of technology (e.g., Blackboard, PowerPoint, the Internet).

Share your responses for any of the questions.



- How many courses, programs, departments, or colleges use rating surveys at your campus?
- What are the biggest obstacles to using rating surveys?
- What do you do with the results of rating surveys?

Four Things That Don't Work



1. Prize Drawings







2. Repeated Reminders



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3. Longer Time Windows



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4. Direct Money/Value Rewards



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What other things don't seem to work?



- Prize Drawings
- Repeated Reminders
- Longer Time Windows
- Direct Monetary/Value Rewards
- and?...

Four Things That Do Work







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Report Feedback

Compile



Adjust



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2. Academic Reward



3. Everyone Does It



4. Making Time for It



Three Questions

- Overall, I rate this instructor an excellent teacher.
- The instructor explained course material clearly and concisely.
- The instructor provided timely and frequent feedback on tests, reports, projects, and so on.

Campus Strategies



- Focus on formative feedback to drive response rates on summative instruments.
 - Show actions related to esurvey responses.
- Tie response rates to courserelated rewards.





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