
Teaching Tips

Enhancing the teaching experience

- Engaging Large Classes (<http://tl.hku.hk/staff/support-for-cc-teachers/>)
- What will be newly discovered in each class? How will the students claim this knowledge and transport it toward the next stage or into other contexts?
- Make explicit points of contact with different disciplines
- Build clear pathways—intellectual and social—between the Class, the University, the City, & the World
- Give early and regular feedback; support rehearsal and discussion time for presentations
- Communicate regularly between Course Coordinator, Co-Teachers, Tutors, and Guests
- Build in simple and quick practices, assessed and otherwise, to keep students interacting (including after Reading Week)
- Creating and assessing group projects: clear expectations, assignments, feedback, timelines; individual and group aspects. Consider forming intercultural, interdisciplinary, intergender, interyear groups.
- Clarity of assignments and expectations (and change them up, year to year, which also helps avoid plagiarism)
- Organizing off-campus fieldwork, labs, studios, ethnographies, photo-trips: with drawing, photography, writing as forms of reflection
- Decide what classroom policies and uses of E-Devices serve your students' learning and support the best teaching atmosphere
- Increase the use of digital activity for learning in your class: games, clickers, Mentimeter, Wordles...
- Work with students to help them create lively and effective presentations and styles of communication. Communication-Intensive-Courses: <https://cics.hku.hk/>.

For support in learning how to make videos and all things digital, contact the Digital Literacy Lab: <https://www.les.hku.hk/teaching-learning/digital-literacy-laboratory-dll>

Visibility of student work

- Participate in the CC Student Learning Festival on the Last Day of Teaching Each Semester. <https://commoncore.hku.hk/student-learning-festival/>
- Display your students' art-work in the Main Building hallway or in the CC Lounge (contact Penny 2219 4957)

- Display your students' digital work in our Student Work Exhibition Centre to <https://learning.hku.hk/dmi/> or on our 360 projection system the DOME (contact Penny 2219 4957)

Link Your Course Website to CC Page; create video trailers for your course; book the CC Lounge for events, exhibits, meetings; and Like the CC Facebook Page!

Longer-term considerations

- Flip the Classroom? Find an alternative space in which to teach? Change the tutorial schedules? Invent a new assessment form?
- Teach Summer School? On Campus or on the Mainland?
- Invent an Open Platform Course, Experiential Learning Course, or a Common Core Global Experience?

Publish on your CC course? See the “Research and Innovation” session on our website

Teacher & tutor well being

Teachers and tutors, on occasion, experience burnout, regardless of how much you love teaching. We offer many opportunities for our CC teachers and tutors to unwind, rejuvenate and connect socially with each other through different types of activities, including refreshers, short fieldtrips, workshops on mindfulness, yoga, art and crafts, and social gatherings. You can find all the information and updates on our CC Tutor Net:

<https://cchohku.wixsite.com/cctutor>



The Common Core website



The CC Teacher support page



Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning resources



The shared syllabus language



Send Us Suggestions for What Works or What You'd Like us to include!