RULE OF 2’s: Keeping It Simple as You Go Remote for #COVID19

Let’s boil this down. What’s most important for us to rethink as we use our precious hours and days to redesign our courses for online and/or remote learning? Work with a colleague, friend, instructional designer, or student to talk through your answers after you fill this out! Are you stumped? Take a look at the example we’ve attached!

First, let’s take a breath and focus on the big picture.

What are two GUIDING PRINCIPLES that you want to keep in mind as you redesign and teach during this time?

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Next, let’s settle on some technologies or processes that feel comfortable to us.

What are two TOOLS that you might use to support your teaching during this time?

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Let’s think about what course content is most important for students to cover.

What are two CONTENT CHUNKS that you want students to know and understand by the end of this course?

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What are two SKILLS OR DISPOSITIONS that you want students to have or demonstrate by the end of this course?

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What are two ways that STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE in helping you to redesign elements of this course?

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Let’s find the teaching moments, and help students understand how our field is affected by and contributes to discourse around this global pandemic.

What are two ways that you can link your coursework to current events related to COVID19?

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Because panic and misinformation are common and because we all need to help to flatten the curve around COVID19, let’s talk about public health in all of our courses. What are two things you want to stress to your students about keeping themselves and others HEALTHY during this pandemic?

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Example 1:
Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies, Dr. Robin DeRosa

First, let’s take a breath and focus on the big picture.
What are two GUIDING PRINCIPLES that you want to keep in mind as you redesign and teach during this time?
1. Scale back. I can’t do everything and that is ok.
2. Demonstrate care and flexibility for students in everything I do.

Next, let’s settle on some technologies or processes that feel comfortable to us.
What are two TOOLS that you might use to support your teaching during this time?
1. Email.
2. Moodle, allowing for posting work in large batches or all at the end of the semester for those with no remote access.

Let’s think about what course content is most important for students to cover.
What are two CONTENT CHUNKS that you want students to know and understand by the end of this course?
1. Submission of their customized major design projects.
2. Theory surrounding the basic, big picture terms (multi/inter/trans etc).

Let’s look beyond content and think about skills our course hopes to develop in students.
What are two SKILLS OR DISPOSITIONS that you want students to have or demonstrate by the end of this course?
1. Sense of agency and ownership with their major and educations.
2. Ability to connect that sense of ownership/agency with daily work in this and other classes.

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What are two ways that STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE in helping you to redesign elements of this course?
1. Offer opening poll with choices and open comment boxes so students can suggest modalities and assignment hacks.
2. Individualized learning plans to accommodate student preference and access issues based on what they think will help them learn best.

Let’s find the teaching moments, and help students understand how our field is affected by and contributes to discourse around this global pandemic.
What are two ways that you can link your coursework to current events related to COVID19?
1. Assignment on epidemic as an interdisciplinary wicked problem.
2. PLN/social media assignment looking at COVID response across their own professional fields.
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1. Washing hands really matters.
2. Why social distancing flattens the curve (and what that means).