

Designing Your Modern Classroom

Plan with your students in mind. Your classroom should be:

- ★ **Usable:** Students can navigate your classroom effectively and efficiently.
- ★ **Accessible:** Students with diverse needs and abilities can access all class resources.
- ★ **Equitable:** Every student, regardless of background, feels challenged and supported.

Best Practices

Use this checklist to ensure that your LMS and classroom set-up meet the criteria above.

Your LMS should contain:

- ☐ A clear home page with information about accessing support.
- ☐ A video overview that explains how to navigate the LMS.
- ☐ A consistent system for naming lessons and materials.
- ☐ A logical sequence of activities or assignments, with suggested deadlines.
- ☐ Formatting that is easy to read and understand.
- ☐ A posted and accessible progress tracker (if you choose to use one).

Your physical classroom should include accessible spaces where students can:

- ☐ View and/or update their progress trackers (public or individual).
- ☐ Collect and submit their work.
- ☐ Work together in small groups.
- ☐ Complete mastery checks independently.
- ☐ Watch videos (independently or in small groups).
- ☐ Ask you questions.

Supporting Student Learning

During class time, ensure that every student is appropriately challenged or supported by:

- ★ Moving around your classroom, answering questions and providing encouragement.
- ★ Delivering mini-lessons to groups of students who need additional explanation.
- ★ Providing quick and efficient feedback on your students' work.

Your LMS and classroom design should help students guide their own learning.