Teaching Toolkit: Making the Most out of Remote Teaching

Teaching remotely has its perks! This guide shines a light on certain advantages to teaching using online technology, and how you can maximize your new environment for yourself and your students.

Ideas

Save time without a commute

- Remote instructors don't have to bother with things like traffic or parking. This can save valuable time in a day which can be spent doing other things
- Use the time you save to curate some of the many great instructional resources online for your students
- Get some extra sleep, or take a walk before class… anything to promote self-care and wellness

A new frontier of scheduling

- Typical online students enjoy being able to access the course materials when it is most convenient for them. While you may still be keeping the course meeting time via zoom, consider…
    - Making other content available one or more weeks early
    - Leaving assessments open for a few days before the due date

  This will help students choose the time of day they are most productive to do their school work.
- Use a Q&A format to collect asynchronous student questions and provide answers. This will create a valuable student resource! (Google Docs or Canvas page where "anyone can edit")

Form a different kind of community

- Create a unique hashtag for your class, and form an online community that you will have for long after the semester ends.
- Try out a new online tool. Survey your students using Canvas ungraded survey or Google forms to gain insights into their experience

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Maximum comfort

- Take advantage of the comfort of working remotely. Teach your class from your favorite armchair, and wear your coziest slippers.
- People love having their pets nearby during remote teaching and learning. Host a pet show-and-tell or cutest pet contest as an icebreaker

Gaining new skills

- Update your resume to include remote teaching, Zoom, Slack, etc.!
- Have your students practice with leading the remote class and teach them practical skills that will help them in their future career

Create something together

- Make a lasting digital artifact of your time remote teaching and learning. A Google doc is a great platform for making something together. Perhaps it's a study guide, a resource compilation, or a list of favorite restaurants.

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