

## Syllabus Activities

Use one or more of the activities below to ensure that students understand course expectations by reviewing the course syllabus and demonstrate the ability to engage in the online platform.

**Activity 1. Syllabus Scavenger Hunt:** A syllabus scavenger hunt can be made using the quiz function on your learning management system (LMS). Here are some example questions using fill-in-the-blank responses:

1. Whom do you contact for technical assistance?
2. How do you set up a meeting with your instructor?
3. When do you need to post an initial response to the weekly discussion board?
4. How many of your peers do you need to reply to?
5. What is the first guideline for online netiquette?
6. What is due on March 16?
7. When is your project proposal due?
8. What happens if you plagiarize?

**Activity 2. Syllabus Discussion Board:** Create a discussion board and require that all students post a question or comment about the course objectives, participation expectations, grading, or any other element of the syllabus. Example discussion questions include:

- What two key points or aspects of the syllabus caught your attention and why?
- What two key points or aspects of the syllabus need some further explanation?

In addition to creating a written record of questions and responses that may be useful later in the course, a discussion board also provides some early feedback as to what is important and/or confusing for the students. This activity also gives students the opportunity to practice posting. You can award a few points for successfully posting to the discussion board. Success breeds success, so starting all students off with a few earned points sets them on the right path.

**Activity 3. Personalized and Customized Learning Outcomes:** In order to have students think more deeply about the learning outcomes of your course and make connections to their own lives, ask students to choose one learning outcome listed in the syllabus that really resonates with them for personal or professional reasons. In a discussion board post, ask them to explain why they chose that outcome, how it connects to their goals or interests, and how they can customize the outcome to help them move toward their goal.