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TEACHING TIP OF THE WEEK

Online Teaching Strategies

Tip of the week: Include games and simulations in your class curriculum to increase student engagement.

Using in-class games and simulations is a great way to promote student engagement and monitor participation. Games and simulations enrich the class experience by allowing students to have experiential learning opportunities, gain a deeper understanding of course materials, and develop personal skills such as teamwork and critical thinking. If they are completed before class, both free up class time to debrief and distill learnings.

Games, quizzes with gamification elements, and simulations can increase student engagement and enhance learning by providing an opportunity to start meaningful discussions about topics related to your course.

Here are a few ideas for games and simulations you can include in your classes:

- Polls are the easiest way to bring students into the class discussion. You can [create polls on Zoom](#) and share the results.
- [Kahoot](#) and [Quizzlet Live](#) offer gamified quizzes with a scoring system.
- [Catembe](#) offers a wide range of games for business courses, with a focus on ease of use for faculty.
- Collaborative whiteboard tools such as [Google Jamboard](#) and [Miro](#) allow students to work on a single virtual whiteboard. They can use it in breakout rooms or group meetings and then share their work during class discussion.
- [Telanto](#) offers real-world global challenges for students to solve by applying specific skills learned in the course.

With both games and simulations, think about whether you want to do them live during class, or as a requirement before class. You can also do a practice run before class so

that students are familiar with the concepts and you can launch straight into the game/simulation without spending class time explaining the concepts and mechanics.

Think about ways of measuring impact and share your results! Other faculty can benefit from your experience.

Contact Haas Digital for any questions you have about using games and simulations in your classroom.

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