Teaching

80% 😊 Satisfied with time spent on teaching

79% 😊 Satisfied with teaching schedule

Satisfaction with Courses

76% 😞 Number Taught

90% 😞 Discretion Over Content

84% 😞 Level Taught

Satisfaction with Students

76% 😊 Number Taught

69% 😊 Quality Taught

57% 😊 Quality of graduate students to support teaching

Areas of Improvement

60% 😞 Satisfied with support for classrooms

48% 😞 Satisfied with institutional support to improve teaching

😊 = Pitt ranks in top third of cohort 😞 = Pitt ranks in middle third of cohort 😞 = Pitt ranks in bottom third of cohort
• Engage your students in active learning. Active learning, dynamic discussion and inclusive teaching strategies can be very effective in helping meet course goals.

• Set expectations. Most students want clear guidance. Be clear about your course expectations and goals.

• Skip the optional. Students will rarely do readings, assignments, and other work that is labeled “optional.” If it’s important content, make it required.

• Give your students plenty of practice, especially before giving them a high-stakes test. Giving low-stakes short quizzes online (before they arrive to class) or in the first five minutes of class lets you know how they are doing, and also gives the students a chance to see where they are.

• Ask for mid-term input. Requesting feedback from students at the course midpoint can not only give you a sense of how they think the course is going, but can also raise their engagement and participation.

• Feedback is essential. Grade exams and quizzes quickly. Give feedback on discussions. Make feedback a part of every class session.

• Know your space. Being familiar with the space in which you teach will help you plan your classroom activities.

• Periodically refresh your materials. Make sure you review and update your content, including readings and video clips.

• Take advantage of Pitt resources. Contact the University Center for Teaching and Learning for help with pedagogy, assessment, classroom technology and much more. Send an email to teaching@pitt.edu or visit www.teaching.pitt.edu to learn more.