Six Ways to Make Course Content Engaging

Find Your Why

Engagement is easier when we can see why we're doing something. Write down 1-3 reasons why you are taking each of your courses. Use your list as a reminder when things get tough or when you need a little more encouragement.

Ask Questions

Nobody has all the answers, which is why asking questions is such a great way to engage with material and learn the answers. Ask your professors questions, question the class material, ask your classmates questions, and question yourself. You might be surprised what you find out!

Establish a Presence

It can be scary at first, but being active in class is one of the best ways to make content engaging. Some ways to establish a presence: post questions in online forums, respond to classmates, speak up in class or breakout rooms, and draw connections between what you're learning and outside material.

Use the Class Material

Instead of just clicking through your class or passively listening to lectures, engage with the class material and take your learning to the next level. Complete the class activities, take notes, and use techniques like SQ4R to actively read the assigned readings before class.

Make Connections

Make what you're learning relevant to you by connecting class material to your interests and experiences. And you don't have to do it alone. Use the class discussion or online forums and the chatbox feature to reach out, say hi, and make connections with other people in class.

Adapt Material to Your Learning Preferences

We all have ways we like to learn and adapting the material to your learning preferences is a great way to acknowledge these and make the class work for you. In adapting the material, you're also studying and learning the material in different ways.