How to Drive Student Engagement Synchronously

Frequent feedback helps students succeed by giving them the support and direction to re-focus their studies. Regular low-stakes assessments or quizzes are an important part of the process. They help create a consistent rhythm for students while providing instructors with a steady stream of insights into student progress. This data can then be leveraged to check in and ensure feedback is tailored to individual needs or struggles.

Peer connections are crucial in creating a sense of belonging and motivating students to participate in the course. Using icebreakers, polling questions and other fun activities are great ways to foster connections between peers. By strengthening community in class, students are more likely to feel comfortable sharing and collaborating with one another.

Using multimedia content like photos, videos, memes and real-world examples can help reinforce course concepts while adding variety to presentations. Instructors should make a habit of breaking up large blocks of text with multimedia elements to keep students engaged. Variety is the spice of life. It can help increase knowledge retention and equip students to apply what they’ve learned to upcoming assessments.

Presence is integral to student engagement. It’s important to let learners know when you’re available to meet and provide them with the necessary resources to support them academically. Hosting regular virtual office hours and participating in online discussion threads are easy ways to reinforce a sense of caring and commitment. They can also strengthen your connection with students.