

# Consider these ideas when planning your course online:

The most important thing is giving students agency over their learning through flexibility and choice



Explicitly tell students **why a lesson is relevant**

Provide a **variety of resources** to prevent frustration and increase ways to content

**Provide students with choices** through various content and actions so they can remain invested and engaged

Provide **varying levels of challenge** in tasks and content

Encourage students to **assess their own learning** using checklists and rubrics and technology tools such as quizzes

**Make yourself available** with responsive email, video chat or a phone call

Offer students tips on **how to stay motivated**



Provide **visual, auditory, and digital materials** for each lesson providing choice

Simplify **complicated instructions** and provide visuals to increase understanding

**Offer visuals** like charts, pictures, movies, audio clips, and resources students can touch and manipulate

Help students see how the **information is transferable** to real world

**Create levels of knowledge** where students can build on their own comprehension

**Model comprehension** strategies like note-taking, highlighting, monitoring and asking questions



**Give students a choice in how they express what they know** in ways other than traditional tests and exams (such as projects, journals, podcasts)

**Allow students to use technology, resources, and tools** to express knowledge, and develop class communication and participation such as wikis, video meetings, graphic organizers like mind maps, and more

**Provide feedback while students work** for example using tools such as online quizzes to provide specific feedback on wrong answers

Have **students reflect on their own learning** and evaluate their choices made to express knowledge

**Provide tips** on how to stay organized